Negro Elks Look Forward, Spur Educational Rights

By Eugene Gordon

"No greater height can men attain than to make a bridge of their backs for the oncoming generations."

This is the picturesque langauge in which the educational committee of the Elks—the Negro body which closed its 40th annual meeting here last week—comments on the educational program of that great fraternal organization.

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, said in a speech to the convention in Baltimore last year:

"I look forward to the day when the resources of this great fraternity will be ample to encourage every child of our people to continue as long as possible in preparation for the com-

W. C. HUESTON

100 STUDENTS BENEFIT

The educational department of the I.B.P.O.E. was created in 1925, being "consecrated and dedicated to helping deserving students." Since its founding, the department has "been instrumental in having 100 Negro students complete a college course."

The Elks have an educational program administered by a Commissioner of Education. The man who fills this office and competently, too, according to all reports—is W. C. Hueston, former Federal Judge and an Assistant United States Solicitor.

Speaking on the educational program at last year's convention of the Elks, Mr. Hueston said:

"I have extensively pointed out the ills that beset us in the educational and economic worlds. I have suggested remedies for these ills and I now urge you that this Congress [Educational, Economic and Civil Liberties Congress held during the 39th session of the Elks] provide ways and means to carry out the purpose of this organization, whose aim is—

"1. To secure equal education opportunities for all, regardless of race, creed or color.

"2. To secure equal opportunities for the obtaining of food, clothing and shelter.

JIM CROW SCHOOL BUDGETS

"I have formerly pointed out the racial discrimination and have brought many facts proving this to you. We all know that the Negro schools are inadequate in number and equipment. The average sum allowed for the white child is $44, while the Negro child is allowed $12. Investigation shows that instead of a remedy the ills still exist."

Mr. Hueston was speaking of the segregated Negro schools throughout the South. He recommended that:

"This congress encourage the adoption of Federal legislation for Negro schools, so that our future leadership may be placed in the hands of capable leaders of prepared men and women of college level.

"It be made imperative for all members to read and study every law regarding education and economics, so that such laws that exclude the mass of the majority group shall not be unattached. When the Wage and Hour Bill came up for debate, the southern debaters made it clear that they would ignore any law which forced them to pay Negroes equal salary."

17 WON HIGH HONORS

Since it began functioning in 1925 the educational department of the Negro Elks has granted 206 scholarships and spent approximately $260,000. Colleges and universities throughout the country have already given diplomas to 106 of the scholarship winners. And 17 of these youths have won Phi Beta Kappa keys.

The work is financed by the levying of a small tax on every male member of the organization. Scholarships each year go to as many Negro students as money raised in this way will allow.

There are also occasional gifts of money from friends of the Negro people. Last year in Baltimore a Jewish hotel owner, Samuel Rosenthal, gave $1,000 in scholarships, to be paid $100 for five years to Morgan College, Baltimore, and $100 for five years to Howard University, Washington, D. C.

DEMANDS LOYALITY

No "strings" are attached to funds allowed Negro students for the Elks' scholarships. The students' religion or political beliefs do not matter. It is expected only, members of the educational department insist, that youths who receive the scholarships justify the confidence of their people in them: that they remain true to the main interests of the Negro people and supporters and defenders of democracy.

The Negro Elks' faith in democracy — the preservation of what we have and the extension of it to include ever greater numbers of the common people—was proved to the world when the Grand Lodge last year voted $500 to buy an ambulance for use in Republican Spain.

The Negro Elks Stand Up for Civil Rights

The tremendous emphasis placed upon the fundamental issue of civil rights by the national convention of Negro Elks here (the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks) reflects the progressive role which the Negro people are playing in American life today.

A special symposium on the subject was held the other day at which the general theme as expressed by one speaker was:

"Negroes face a tremendous responsibility, not only for the preservation of democracy in America, but for the job of seeing that it works—everywhere."

Other speakers among whom were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Negro woman leader and member of the National Youth Administration, spoke out against the forces of reaction and urged a fight in behalf of civil liberties on every front. They condemned the rise of fascist anti-Semitism, urged the passage of the anti-lynching bill, insisted upon an end to discrimination of every sort, and called for the abolition of the poll tax which disfranchises white as well as Negro in the South.

The militancy with which the symposium resounded for the rights of the Negro people is likewise a positive contribution to the fight for progress and democracy for white Americans also. And the fight for Negro rights is the united responsibility of all who would stop the forces of reaction which menace the entire nation.

RAID ON NEGRO ELKS' EXPLAINED BY HUDSON

Taxation Agent Says Officers Acted 'Hastily'

Officers of the State Department of Finance and Taxation acted "hastily" Sunday night when they raided the Elks Rest Colored Club at 401 Beale and held for a short while three negroes for alleged threatened breach of the peace.

This is the explanation given by F. C. Hudson, head of the taxation offices here. John Whitney, club manager, and the arrested negroes refused to comment.

One of the negroes was Lieut. G. W. Lee, life insurance man, writer, officer of the club and Beale Avenue spokesman for the political administration. He is a former negro special police officer. Commissioned in May, 1929, Lee's special privileges were taken from him Sept. 21, 1937, according to City Commission records.

Yesterday, Lee said the whole thing was apparently a "misunderstanding."

Mr. Hudson said his men did not have a search warrant when they entered the club and that they had no evidence to hold the negroes. "We had reports that they were selling liquor down there without a license. My men went to investigate, but they probably acted a little hastily," he said.

Mr. Hudson said the licenses were supposed to be kept at the place of business at all times. Mr. Hudson said the club had licenses. He said he didn't know why the negroes were taken to County Jail but that he presumed it was for purposes of investigation.

ELKS STAMPEDE HARLEM; 250,000 CHEER PARADE

ANTLERED HERD IN GREATEST CONFAB, PUT ON REAL SHOW

By TED POSTON
Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 22—Legions of purple and white—20,000 of them—turned Harlem into a parade ground here today, as the most colorful parade in the history of all Elkdom wended its way by motor, on horse and afoot in a five hour procession.

More than 250,000 people, Harlemites and visitors, jammed the sidewalks over the entire five-mile parade route, as the parading legions circled Harlem in phalanx fashion.

The line of march, starting at 145th street and St. Nicholas avenue, curved down Lenox avenue to 110th street, at the park, back up Seventh avenue to 142nd street.

ARRIVING DELEGATES KEPT HARLEM AWAKE

Harlem was kept awake all Monday night by arriving delegations, playing bands, and roaming groups of Elks, swarming into every available spot.

Leading the parade was Grand Marshall J. Hudson Oliver. He was preceded on horseback by 12 mounted policemen. Next in the line of march came Lieutenants Samuel J. Battle and Lewis Chisholm, followed by 24 Negro patrolmen.

Purple clad members of New York's famous Monarch Marching club No. 889, were next, with Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and Grand officers following in automobiles.

CAR BREAKS DOWN AND HOLDS UP PARADE

Immediately in front of the New York office of The Pittsburgh Courier, the automobile bearing Grand Wilson became overheated and broke down, holding up the parade for more than five minutes while the "little chief" was transferred to the car of Recorder of Deeds William J. Thompkins.

Behind Wilsons car, came the car of Grand Daughter Ruler Johnson and Temple officers. Following were the following units: Imperial Lodge Baseball team, with cream and purple uniforms; Imperial Juniors; New Amsterdam Eureka Temple and Henry Lincoln Johnson lodges.

J. Dalmus Steele, District Deputy came along, followed by Industry Lodge Marching club in gold, white and purple. Then there were the Lottie Kennedy Temple in white and purple. Manhattan Lodge Boy Scout Troop; Rose Bud Junior club, world's fair representatives, followed by Cuban Lodge and Helmeted Veterans of Foreign Wars in black coats, purple trousers and puttees.

The most applauded auxiliary units included the Akron, O. Temple in cream colored tailored suits, with gold braid; the Lottie E. Kennedy Marching club, with white satin princess gowns, sports hats, purple bands and buttons; Brooklyn Juvenile, No. 58, with white satin slacks and purple blouses, the Tarrytown Marching club, with satin gold dresses and purple capes and caps; Kimbrough Boosters, with white satin pants and waist and lavender sashes, and a smart riding unit with black jodhpurs, white satin blouses and black and white hats.

A special reviewing stand was constructed at 137th and Seventh avenue, with bleachers put up on the sidewalk for three blocks in each direction.

Enterprising housewives sold space in second-floor windows to anxious spectators. The crowds started gathering early this morning on streets and sidewalks, and although the parade didn't start until after 3 o'clock, the crowds on the street were larger than those which have ever appeared on the day of a Joe Louis fight.

Bristol, Va., Herald-Courier
September 21, 1939

BRISTOL COLORED ELKS LODGE REORGANIZED

Stanhope Lacy was elected exalted ruler of the Bristol colored Elks lodge, Tenneva lodge No. 395, at a reorganization meeting held Tuesday night at Brown's undertaking office on Lee street.

C. R. Green was elected esteemed leading knight; W. M. Guin, esteemed loyal knight; H. Shan, esteemed lecturing knight; R. Savage, esquire; Thomas Carter, inner guard; D. Grubb, outer guard; L. King, secretary; W. H. Brown, treasurer, and J. T. Johnson, trustee.

Carlos C. Valle of New York, national grand organizer of the Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the World, spoke on the basic principles of the organization.

A campaign to enroll 100 members in the lodge was launched and committees were selected to conduct the $1,000 scholarship oratorical contest for colored high school students, to conduct the health program, and the organization of syphilis clinics which will include lectures, moving pictures and practical nurse training units. Committees were also appointed on youth development and the organization of a women's auxiliary.

Grand Lodge Taxes And Exalted Ruler's Salary Discussed During Trial

Journal and Guide 2-16-39

Finley Wilson Explains $100 Check; Says Eureka "Bad Boys" Sought His Favor; Norfolk Elks Charge Broken Faith

At the end of nine hours of revealing testimony in the case of the Grand Lodge, I.B.P.O.E.W., vs. Eureka Lodge Independent Elks taken from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., last Friday, Judge Luther B. Way, sitting in United States District Court here, ruled that most of the complaints of Eureka Lodge against the grand lodge were not within the jurisdiction of the court but were in the exclusive jurisdiction of the grand lodge, a self-governing body, and denied the motion to dissolve the temporary injunction placed against Eureka on motion of the grand lodge on November 30.

Meanwhile, however, representatives of both the grand lodge and the local lodge had aired numerous grievances against each other and had filled the courtroom with charges and counter charges levelled against the administrations of each group.

Though not pertinent to the dissolution motion on which Judge Way was asked to rule, the charges and counter charges came because Eureka Lodge was called upon to answer specific charges made against the local lodge in the bill of complaint filed on the occasion of the injunctive proceedings on November 30. At that time, the grand lodge entered the court and presented its bill of complaint without having notified Eureka Lodge of the action.

World, won the second round of what promises to be a long and bitter court fight between the grand lodge and Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks, here Friday.

Judge Luther B. Way, sitting in the United States District Court, denied the motion to dissolve a temporary injunction restraining Eureka from any use of the name of Elks or from any activities calculated to mislead the general public into believing that Eureka is still affiliated with the grand lodge.

Having ruled, after an all-day court trial during which sensational disclosures, and various charges and counter charges were made that the dissolution motion should be denied, Judge Way continued the temporary injunction, which would have expired on Saturday. He required the grand lodge officials to renew their bond of $1,000 and set the trial of the case on its merits for January 22, 1940.

Judge Way granted the first temporary injunction on Thursday, November 30, and the ten days in which it was operative expired at the end of last week.

Grand Lodge Upheld

Journal and Guide 2-16-39 Norfolk Va.

Court Continues Injunction Against Norfolk Lodge

The Grand Lodge, Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the

Informal Opinion

In an informal opinion, delivered from the bench, Judge Way told the litigants that he was impressed with the similarity that existed between the new letterheads printed by the Independent Elks and old letterheads used by Eureka when the Norfolk lodge was in good standing with the grand lodge.

He pointed out that the emblem on the letterheads was exactly the same and that the only change that had been made was the substitution of the phrase, "Independent Elks, Inc." for "I. B. P. O. E. of W." The court opined that the use of the name of Elks must have some advantage since it was the principal issue under controversy and declared that its use by the Independent Elks must be so arranged as to be completely dissimilar. This, he thought, was not the case with Eureka lodge.

Judge Way said that an examination articles of incorporation and the charter of the organization, a prospective member of the lodge would not be misled into believing that Eureka lodge was still a member of the grand lodge but he averred that a considerable number of the people who join fraternal orders would not bother to make such a careful investigation and that the name and obvious identification of the group must be so dissimilar as to preclude any possibility of confusion.

Questions "No 5"

The court expressed doubt if the use of "No. 5" in the name of the local lodge was proper since there were no other lodges affiliated with the Independent Elks. Though he prefaced his remarks by saying that he was not ruling on the merits of the case yet, Judge Way declared that he was quite sure that the local lodge had exclusive right to use the name "Eureka" and that he thought that, if the lodge made it absolutely clear that they were not a part of the grand lodge, it might be that the word "Elks" could be used. He insisted that he was making no ruling in the matter however.

Judge Way told the litigants that the great masses of fraternal members will follow their more intelligent leaders and that there must not be the likelihood of a misunderstanding. Said the court: "The type of person belonging to these orders, both white and colored, are not of the same general intelligence and education as the leaders."

Articles In Press

The court was further impressed by newspaper articles, placed on exhibit at the trial by the plaintiffs. These articles, which quoted Exalted Ruler Jerry O. Gilliam of Eureka, and which the grand lodge claimed incited other subordinate lodges to rebellion against the grand lodge, were printed in the Journal and Guide and in the New York Age and were based on interviews with Mr. Gilliam.

The court opined that "these interviews go beyond the mere intention to secede." The court pointed out that any subordinate lodge that had grown dissatisfied with the administration of the grand lodge had a perfect right to secede but he upheld the contentions of the grand lodge that the aritcles quoting Mr. Gilliam constituted action that might conceivably damage the grand lodge or infringe on its rights.

The court suggested that the local lodge, reorganize, change its name, and advertise itself in the right manner.

James G. Martin, counsel for Eureka Lodge, announced the intention of his clients to ask the State Corporation Commission to amend the charter of Eureka Lodge and told the court that the lodge planned to reorganize along the lines suggested by the opinion from the bench. The court ruled that most of the complaints of Eureka against the grand lodge were not in the jurisdiction of the court.

DEMONSTRATION IS MOST STARTLING IN HISTORY OF ELKDOM

By TED POSTON
(Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Having maintained absolute control over the Grand Lodge of the I.B.P.O.E. by ousting Roy Bond as grand esteemed leading knight, J. Finley Wilson, the Little Napoleon of Negro Elkdom, almost came a cropper from an unexpected source Friday when the daughters of the Grand Lodge openly revolted against his wishes and hissed and booed the grand exalted ruler to his face at St. Mark's Church here.

MOST STARTLING IN HISTORY OF ELKDOM

The revolt, the most startling demonstrations of its kind in the history of Elkdom, occurred in the closing hours of the fortieth annual convention, when the grand exalted ruler sought to influence the daughters in the election of a successor to the late Mrs. Clara Webster of Cleveland, as chairman of Arts and Crafts.

The majority of the 702 temple delegates preferred Mrs. Webster's daughter, Lucille, for the post since the daughter had assisted her mother in conducting the department.

The grand exalted ruler, summoned to the meeting by Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson, declared, however, that the job should go to a woman of more experience.

Mr. Wilson expressed his opinion immediately after Mrs. Webster's daughter spoke in her own defense and the grand exalted ruler was greeted with boos, hisses and catcalls from every corner of the auditorium. Completely taken aback by the demonstration, the Elk leader rapped for order but the hissing continued. Mr. Wilson then rapped the gavel thrice, but the embattled delegates even refused to heed the signal to come to attention and stand up.

WILSON THREATENS TO DISSOLVE TEMPLE

Then, almost beside himself with anger, the grand exalted ruler threatened to dissolve the Grand Temple completely and close down the Women's Auxiliary. This threat was met with a stony silence by the delegates who still stood their ground. Finally Mr. Wilson was forced to compromise by giving Grand Daughter Ruler Johnson extraordinary powers to appoint a chairman of Arts and Crafts to succeed Daughter Anna Jones, a temporary appointee to the elective position.

Daughter Jones was elected in the position after the last convention when Mrs. Webster was stabbed to death by a jealous woman in Cleveland.

Her daughter, the latter's candidate, had assisted her in raising more than $1,000 for the department.

JOSEPH BROWN WINS WITHOUT A CONTEST

The revolt of the Grand Temple was the only real challenge to Mr. Wilson's authority during the convention. The election of grand esteemed leading knight, which had threatened to be a test of the administration's strength, turned out to be just another election when Joseph A. Brown, exalted ruler of Imperial Lodge 127, Manhattan, overwhelmingly defeated Atty. Roy Bond of Baltimore, incumbent. After Brown had garnered a clear majority, Attorney Bond himself moved to make his election unanimous.

The contest took place in the closing hours of the Grand Lodge sessions at the Renaissance Casino Friday evening.

At the same session, Marcus Wheaton of Camden, N.J., was elected grand esteemed loyal knight, a position previously held by Mr. Brown and Herbert Jones of Washington, D.C., was elevated to grand esteemed lecturing knight to succeed Mr. Wheaton.

Eugene Sorrells, of Los Angeles, was unanimously elected grand esquire, and Joseph E. Washington, of Brooklyn Lodge No. 32, was unanimously made inner guard after Lonnie S. Williams, of Providence, R.I., incumbent, declined in his favor. A unanimous vote was also cast for John McKim, of West Virginia, for grand tyler.

ST. LOUIS CHOSEN FOR CONVENTION IN 1940

A minor fight came up on the floor on the locale of the next convention, but again the grand exalted ruler exerted his power and the designation went to St. Louis. The St. Louis lodge, armed with a $1,000 cash guarantee, had made a spirited fight for the convention prior to the last session.

After the city was placed in nomination by Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, of New York, and a rousing speech had been made by David M. Grant, of St. Louis, introduced as the "greatest silver-tongued orator since Roscoe Conkling Simmons was in his heyday," two other cities put in spirited bids for the confab.

The Rev. Collins Lee, of Chicago, nominated the Windy City, and read a resolution from the City Council there, inviting the Elks. Assemblyman Hobson R. Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties, then put up Philadelphia, and Magistrate Edward Henry made a warm second. The fight continued hot and heavy on the floor for forty-five minutes until the grand exalted ruler called the warring factions into consultation. Then Philadelphia suddenly withdrew, over the loud protests of its supporters, and St. Louis won hands down with the support of Mr. Wilson.

GRAND OFFICERS RE-ELECTED TO OFFICE

The grand exalted ruler had scored another victory earlier when all of the other grand officers were re-elected to office. These included James E. Kelly, of Birmingham, Ala., grand secretary; Magistrate Edward Henry, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer; Judge William C. Hueston, of Washington, grand commissioner of education; J. A. (Billboard) Jackson, grand commissioner of economics, and Assemblyman Reynolds, of Philadelphia, grand director of civil liberties.

Several heated contests featured the elections of the Grand Temple at St. Mark's M. E. Church, although Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson, of Philadelphia, was re-elected unanimously for her eleventh consecutive term, as were Grand Daughter Secretary Buena V. Kelly, of Norfolk, Va., and Grand Daughter Treasurer Elizabeth Kimbough, of Brooklyn.

The position of grand vice daughter ruler was strongly contested with Elizabeth Gordon, of Washington, D.C.'s Forrest Temple, nosing out the incumbent, Effie Stewart, of Washington's Columbia Temple, by sixty votes. Margaret Stout, of New York, became assistant vice daughter ruler by acclamation.

Daughter Katie Steeel, of Chicago, Ill., became grand recording secretary after the incumbent Daughter A. C. McCullough, withdrew because of ill health. Lucy Dorsey, of Bridgeport, Conn., had no contest for the office of grand daughter chaplain.

A many-sided fight for the position of grand escort was won by Maggie Hill, of New Jersey, and Myrtle E. Robinson, of New York, became assistant grand escort. The grand doorkeeper position was taken by Daisy O. Harris, of Virginia, and Blance Andrews, of Brooklyn, became grand gatekeeper.

Mrs. Minnie T. Wright, of Boston, was re-elected grand chairman of education, with her whole staff, which includes Ethel Charleston, of Philadelphia; Pearl Brown, of Baltimore, and Margaret Kellson, of Washington.

The race for grand trustees was heated and many-sided, but the three positions were won by Louise Fulghum, of Los Angeles; Lethia Fleming, of Cleveland, and Minnetta Dobson, of Philadelphia.

The Grand Temple reported that more than $27,169 was raised during the last year, and that the 702 delegates represented more than 75,000 members. Every State in the Union was represented at the convention with delegates from Cuba, Bermuda, Panama and the British West Indies.

At the conclusion of the Friday session, Daughter Mazie Mossell Griffin, of Philadelphia, led a flower parade around the church, and more than 2,500 flowers were showered on Grand Daughter Ruler Johnson.

The Grand Temple raised $1500 this year for a Grand Shrine, and the grand exalted ruler empowered Mrs. Johnson to choose and purchase a site. Mrs. Buena V. Kelly, of Norfolk, offered her mother's home as a possible site. Ten daughters pledged themselves to raise $100 each for the shrine, each of whom will be honored with the status of an honorary past grand daughter ruler. Such honors were conferred this year on Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Edna L. Haynes, of New York, and Mrs. Octavia Washington, of Washington, D.C.

The temporary schism between the grand exalted ruler and the temple seemed healed Friday night when Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were honored guests at a testimonial dinner to the grand daughter ruler. Daughter Octavia Elam, of New York, was chairman of the dinner committee, and Daughter Mayme E. Thornhill, of New York, served as toastmistress. Mr. Wilson congratulated the temple on its progress.

Negro Elks Called On to Spur Civil Rights Fight

Women Leaders Stress Role of Negro People in Upholding Democracy; Mayor and Governor Greet Speakers Today

The deep concern among Negroes over the increasing fascist threat to civil rights and their growing desire to form a rampart of defense against this threat was overwhelmingly evident yesterday at the Civil Liberties symposium of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of America, meeting in Harlem all this week for its 40th Annual Convention.

Despite the oppressive heat which made the size of the meeting particularly significant, approximately 1,000 delegates gathered inside the St. Marks M.E. Church, 138th St. and Edgecombe Ave., to hear speakers warn of the serious menace to Negro civil liberties in America and the need for immediate steps to safeguard democracy.

Nathan W. Pollard, state director of civil liberties for the Order, told the delegates that the "Negroes face a tremendous responsibility, not only for the preservation of democracy in America, but for the job of seeing that it works — everywhere."

Calling upon the Negroes to "integrate themselves in the fight for civil liberties on every front," Pollard urged the delegates to increase their vigil against reaction and to mobilize their might "to guarantee their rights as American citizens."

Hopson P. Reynolds, chairman of the symposium and Philadelphia Negro legislator in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, emphasized Mr. Pollard's appeal.

Mr. Reynolds stressed the undemocratic poll tax in the South which denies the Negro the right to vote and pressed the Order of Elks to take increasing part in the struggle to wipe out these restrictions.

It remained, however, for Mary McLeod Bethune, of the National Youth Administration and Negro woman leader, to strike out with especial sharpness against the bigotry and economic and social hardships which the Negroes must contend with every day.

Hitting at passivity and isolation practiced by various Negro groups, Mrs. Bethune, in dramatic eloquence, declared:

"You will get for yourselves only what you manfully stand up for; you will wrest those liberties and those rights which are yours only by standing on your feet and demanding it."

The audience stood up and cheered this militant call for democratic action. For fully five minutes they applauded and voiced their deep-rooted desire for such organization and their ovation, more than any single incident thus far during the convention, was an expression of their hope and concern that the Elks would join with all other democratic groups in the fight for democracy and civil rights.

Samuel L. Leibowitz, attorney, was the chief speaker of the day. An honorary member of the Benevolent Order, Leibowitz was introduced by J. Finly Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks. Leibowitz concentrated his talk on the anti-Semitic threat in American and its inevitable consequences for the Negro people. He assailed Hitler and Mussolini as "war makers" and urged the Negroes to ally themselves with the democratic, anti-fascist forces today fighting fascism.

LA GUARDIA, LEHMAN TODAY

He levelled particular fire against Coughlin and the "Christian Front" citing the fascist priest and his followers as one of the worst "fascist menaces we are confronted with today."

Earlier in the day the Elks held an Education Congress at the St. Marks M.E. Church where they honored 45 Negro college graduates for meritorious services to the Negroes in the cultural field at a Cap and Gown ceremony.

At noon today Mayor LaGuardia and Governor Lehman are scheduled to address the delegates at the Abyssinian Church, 102 W. 138th St. prior to the parade to take place that afternoon.

Some 10,000 visiting delegates have already registered it was announced yesterday at the Elks headquarters at the Hotel Theresa, 141st St. and Seventh Ave., and Mr. Wilson predicted that by tonight the total delegates in town will have reached the 25,000 figure.

The parade will begin at 146th St. and St. Nicholas Ave. and will march down to Lenox Ave. and thence to 115th St. and Fifth Ave., where it will disband.

The Convention will begin business sessions tomorrow which will last through Saturday at the Renaissance Casino, 138th St. and Seventh Ave.

A conference on health is scheduled for tomorrow or Thursday and the main discussion will be tuberculosis, cancer and pellagra among the Negro people.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
October 1, 1939

Negro Elks Launch Educational Program

The Oak City Lodge No. 816, negro Elks, launched an educational program recently. The program is based upon the principles of the organization, namely charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. A message from James E. Kelley, national secretary, expressed appreciation for the splendid work done by the negro Elks here in their educational program and their entertainment of the state association.

A scholarship ...ued at $1,000 is being offered by the national organization, to be awarded after an cratorical contest. Prof. Charles Orr, educational director for the lodge here, will have charge of the local competition. A committee of three Elks was appointed by Exalted Ruler Ernest Wright to express appreciation to the Daughter Elks for their hospitality. Special business will be considered at the regular meeting of the lodge this afternoon.

Columbus Ga. Enquirer-Sun
February 5, 1939

Negroes Meet to Reorganize Junior Elks

A meeting for the purpose o reorganizing Lodge No. 27 Junio Herd of negro Elks of the World has been called to be held nex Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Ninth street branch Y. M C. A., according to announcemen by James M. C. Carter and D. L Slater.

All boys between the ages o 12 and 14, who attend high school are invited to attend.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
June 4, 1939

'Crump and Friends' Boost Band Fund

The Booker T. Washington Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps won't get the Beale Street "Blues" if other Memphians are as generous as "E. H. Crump and Friends."

A donation of $500 was received by the Campaign Committee from Mr. Crump and friends toward raising $1200 to send the 62-member drum corps to the national negro Elks Convention in New York in August.

Lieut. George W. Lee, a national officer of the negro Elks, is campaign chairman. He said the convention is the largest and most representative annual gathering of this country's negroes and that heretofore Memphis has never been represented by a drum corps.

Contributions are being solicited from both white and negro citizens and programs will be presented to help raise the funds.

Lake Providence, La., Banner-Dem't
June 16, 1939

The colored Elks deserve much credit for the splendid manner in which their 13th annual convention and celebration was conducted here for three days. The grand officers here for the occasion were greatly pleased in the way they were entertained.

12,000 NEGRO ELKS MARCH IN HARLEM

Members of National Order Treat Section to One of Its Most Hilarious Days

250,000 SEE THE PARADE

La Guardia Says New York Has Set Other Cities an Example in Tolerance

After receiving the freedom of the city from Mayor La Guardia and being welcomed also by Representative Bruce Barton and Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, 12,000 Negro Elks, attending the fortieth annual convention of the order, treated Harlem yesterday to one of the gayest, most hilarious days in its history with a colorful parade lasting far into the night.

Police officials pronounced the spectacle the closest approach to the 1937 American Legion parade within their memory. Packed six deep along the streets and perched on rooftops and in windows, crowds estimated from 250,000 to 400,000, cheered the beturbaned Elks as they strutted, resplendent in white flannel, purple and yellow uniforms, through uptown Manhattan.

Four Hurt When Horse Plunges

As the second half of the parade moved past 138th Street, two blocks from the end of the march, the wind fluttered a purple lodge banner carried by marchers toward the head of a horse on which Patrolman John O'Hara of Troop D was holding back the large crowds lining the sidewalk. The horse reared, creating a brief pandemonium in which those in the front of the crowd were pushed into the street.

Three women and a boy were injured in the confusion as the policeman gained control of his horse with the aid of several other policemen. One of the women, Mary Douglas, 41 years old, of 9 Mount Morris Park, was taken to Harlem Hospital with injuries to her ankle and shoulder. The others, Melisa Roberson, 50, of 299 West 138th Street; Virginia Kennard, 31, of 462 Convent Avenue, and Alfred Toomer, 8, of 218 West 140th Street, received first-aid treatment at the scene.

20,000 Come to City

Twenty thousand members of the Elks and their women's auxiliary, the Grand Temple, have poured into Harlem from all parts of the country for the convention, which began Monday, reached its climax yesterday with the parade and a ball at the 369th Regiment Armory, Fifth Avenue and 143d Street, and will end Saturday. Prior to the parade 3,000 members of the organization attended a meeting at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street, at which the progress made by Negroes and the problems that face them were discussed by various speakers.

Hailed as "the greatest Mayor in the country" by J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Mayor La Guardia declared that New York had set an example of tolerance and opportunity for the Negro race and urged other communities throughout the country to follow suit. Discussing his avowed policy of appointing the best man for a job regardless of race, color or creed, the Mayor said:

"We have opened the door to all citizens to enter the government service, and you may be sure that there is no secret marking. We're not interested what's on the outside of the skin; we're interested what's inside the head. But no one is entitled to an appointment just because he is black any more than he is if he is white.

"There is a changed attitude toward your race. Progress is being made, and as time goes on the obstacles which confront you will slowly but surely be eliminated.

Mr. Barton, presented as "Presidential timber" by the Exalted Ruler, and former Governor Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey affirmed their interest in the welfare of Negroes, while Mr. Morris expressed his pleasure that the Elks planned to visit the World's Fair today in a body.

Three inspectors, headed by Inspector Edward M. Butler of the Sixth Division, six captains, ten sergeants and 1,000 patrolmen were on hand to police the parade. It was a lavish spectacle. Music was provided by seventy-five bands and drum and bugle corps, each led by elaborately costumed drum majors. Beginning at Bradhurst Avenue and 145th Street, the line proceeded east to Lenox Avenue, south to 116th Street, east to Fifth Avenue, south to 110th, west to Seventh, north to 142d and east to Fifth Avenue, where the parade disbanded. Isolated units kept up the parade, however, long after it was officially over.

Elks Spend Four Million In New York During Confab

NEW YORK, Aug. 24—New Yorkers were enriched by the sum of $3,989,240, as a result of the 40th anual convention of the B. P. O. E. of W., the fact-finding committee of the Grand Lodge reported Monday in a pamphlet distributed here.

The committee estimated that at the rate of $12.95 per delegate, this was the sum expended by visitors to the city this week. When transportation costs were added, the report held, the sum of $4,030,-465 was invested by visiting and entertaining Elks.

BROTHERS: New York's Harlem last week went to town, for the Negro Elks were in convention assembled. They held a parade that turned Lenox Avenue into a thoroughfare of gayety and hilarity. Down the avenue marched 12,000 Elks, resplendent in uniforms and gold braid, turbans and the insignia of office. There were seventy-five bands, each led by a bravely costumed drum major. Beale Street Bluff City Lodge of Memphis, Tenn., sent a delegation of girls in green and gold. Over all presided **J. Finley Wilson,** for seventeen years Grand Exalted Ruler.

On parade the Grand Exalted Ruler wore a suit of silk pongee, a shirt with diamond studs, a purple tie and gloves. His white military cap had a band of royal purple on which appeared in rhinestones the words: "Commander in Chief."

Tuscaloosa Ala. News
January 15, 1939

Elks Conduct Double Ceremony

A joint initiation and installation ceremony was held recently by the Oak City Lodge No. 816, negro Elks, with Exalted Ruler Ernest Wright installing new officers for the year. Committees reported and Financial Secretary William Potter summarized receipts and expenditures for the year.

Frank L. Taylor, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees called a meeting of several trustees for this afternoon to audit all accounts. The Daughter Elks, woman's auxiliary, announced that it had reached its quota of members and that initiations would be held Wednesday night. Sadye M. Wright, daughter ruler, requested all officers and members to attend this meeting.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
February 19, 1939

Negro Elks Committee Plans For Convention

The state convention committee of the Oak City Lodge No. 816, Negro Elks, will meet at 5 p. m., today, at Elks Rest to discuss further plans for the Alabama Negro Elks convention here on April 30, and May 1. It is hoped that a uniformed marching club can be formed for the local lodge.

The Daughter Elks held initiation exercises Wednesday to welcome several new candidates. No meeting will be held this Wednesday as the date will be used for the Mardi Gras dance sponsored by the temple. Invitations may be secured from any member of the temple. A prize will be awarded for the best costumed and masked person attending.

Pensacola, Fla. Journal
February 24, 1939

Negro Elks Will Dedicate New Home

Dedication ceremonies for the new home of Deep Water City lodge of Elks, No. 751, colored, will begin tonight with a mass meeting and continue with a breakfast dance lasting until Saturday morning and a cornerstone laying ceremony Sunday afternoon, Tony L. James, exalted ruler, said yesterday.

J. Finlay Wilson, grand exalted ruler, will deliver an address at a mass-meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at Washington High school auditorium.

Dedication ceremonies Sunday will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon. Deputy E. T. Belsaw of Mobile will officiate.

Pensacola, Fla. News
February 23, 1939

COLORED ELKS PREPARE FETE

Dedication Of New Home To Be This Week-End

Dedication ceremonies for the new Elk's home of Deep Water City lodge of Elks, No. 751, will be held during the week-end, it was announced today by Tony L. James, exalted ruler.

Events will include a mass meeting Friday night, a breakfast dance continuing until Saturday morning and a cornerstone laying ceremony Sunday afternoon.

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, will deliver an address at the mass meeting which will be held in the Washington High school auditorium at 8 p. m.

The breakfast dance will begin at midnight with J. E. Kelly, grand secretary, Albert Bethune, Florida state president, and J. Finley Wilson leading the grand march. Breakfast will be served at 4 a. m.

Dedication ceremonies at the Elks Rest on Sunday will begin at 3:30 p. m. Deputy E. T. Belsaw of Mobile, Ala., assisted by visiting officials, will officiate.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
April 14, 1939

NEGRO ELKS ENTERTAIN GRAND EXALTED RULER

Negro Elks entertained their grand exalted ruler, J. Finley Wilson, of Washington, yesterday in the offices of Dr. G. H. Moores, 331½ East Ninth street.

Wilson has been the head of the I. B. P O. E. of W. for ten years, and generally comes to Chattanooga each year to visit with a sister who lives here. He is editor and publisher of the Washington Eagle, Negro weekly, and is one of the most widely known speakers of the Negro race.

At a meeting last night he stated that the organization which he heads has more than 250,000 members in this country and abroad.

"We are carrying forward a program and using our funds," he said, "in the interest of higher education for worthy colored boys and girls, selected by states in competition, and fighting for civil liberties which all groups deserve."

He left last night for Memphis, where he will preside at a ceremony bestowing honor upon Lieut. George W. Lee, exalted ruler of the Memphis lodge, who, he said, "has done the most outstanding piece of work in all of our jurisdiction." The Memphis lodge under Lee's leadership, following lifting of the injunction against Negro Elks in Tennessee last year, enrolled a total of 1,500 paid members within three months, Wilson said.

Alexandria, Va. Gazette
May 13, 1939

Colored Elks Gathering Tuesday To Draw 2,000; Parade Planned For Wed.

The Virginia Elks will hold a three day convention beginning Tuesday, May 16. On the opening day the mayor of the city will welcome the delegates and guests at Shiloh Baptist Church. Plans have been made to entertain the visitors during the three days deliberation which coincides with completion of the new lodge room. There will be parade next Wednesday at 2 o'clock and participants will march to the municipal stadium where athletic events will be held. A banquet will be held that evening. The activities will close Thursday with a dance and sightseeing trips to Washington and also points of interest in the city during the day. It is expected that 2000 persons representing forty two lodges from Virginia, Washington and Maryland will attend. The line of march will be as follows: Forms at Queen and Henry streets east on Queen to Columbus, south on Columbus to Wolfe, east on Wolfe to Royal, north on Royal to King, west on King to West, north on West to Monroe and then to stadium. The affair is under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge No. 48. I. P. O. E. of W.

Mrs. Abbie Johnson Reelected Elks Grand Daughter Ruler As 702 Attend N.Y. Convention

Pennsylvania Has 79 Delegates; Keystone Temple Wins Prize; Shrine Planned For Disabled Daughters

NEW YORK—Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Daughter Ruler of the I.B.P.O.E.W., following the presentation of her report during the annual convention here, last Tuesday

Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough, grand daughter treasurer, and Mrs. Buena V. Kelly, of Norfolk, grand daughter secretary, were re-elected to their respective offices.

Other officers elected were: Elizabeth Gordon, assistant grand daughter ruler; Margaret Stout, grand recording secretary; Kaytie Steele, chaplain; Louise Dorsey, grand escort; Maggie Hill, assistant grand escort; Myrtle Robinson, grand doorkeepr; Daisey O. Harris, grand gatekeeper; and Blanche Andrews, assistant.

The convention was attended by 702 daughter Elks delegates. Of that number 151 were from New York, and 79 from Pennsylvania.

A survey by the grand daughter secretary revealed that 207 members of the lodge were businesswomen; nine were ministers; 10 were newspaperwomen; 18 physicians, 205 nurses, 157 morticians; and 300 church workers.

The following Temples won prizes in the grand parade; Memphis Temple, best dressed; Keystone Temple largest number in line of march, and Florence Ames Temple, best float.

Led by the Arts and Crafts department, the Grand Temple has progressed with leaps and bounds, it was revealed. Today there are more than 75,000 members of the Grand Temple, as against 30,169 a few years ago. ago.

Twelve hundred dollars was raised by the Arts and Crafts department last year, a report disclosed.

The Emma J. Kelly Shrine, named after the Grand Temple founder, will be established next year as a home for disabled daughters of the Temple. It will either be located in Pennsylvania New Jersey or New York.

More than 100 members of the Temple were pledged to raise $100 for the erection of the Shrine.

Philadelphia daughter Elks attending the convention were: Mazie Mossell Griffin, Catherine S. Smith, Louise Brooks, Belle Faulks, Florence Ringgold, Emma Wingfield, Minnie Bell Minnetta Dobson, Alice Reading, Ethel Charleston, Essie Matthews, Emma Elliott, Gertrude Waters, Beatrice McGruder, Mary Norris, Ann Reddick. Beatrice Perry, Anna Marquess, Cora Delivan, and Cora Miles.

St. Louis To Be Next Elks' Host

Cash Almost Gone as New York Meeting Closes

By TREZZVANT ANDERSON

NEW YORK —(ANP)— Closing moments of the 40th Elks grand lodge saw a number of important changes made in the general set-up.

Chief event was the commissioning of J. Finley Wilson to question prospective presidential candidates as to their attitudes toward the race, and then giving him power to tell the Elks how to vote in the coming elections.

The grand lodge ordered that parades, during future sessions, be limited to three miles in length; supplanted Roy S. Bond, Baltimore lawyer, with Joseph A. Brown, this city, as grand esteemed leading knight; moved Dr. Marc Wheatland of Camden, N. J., up to Brown's post as loyal knight; made Herbert E. Jones of Washington grand esteemed lecturing knight, and re-elected John Freeman as a grand trustee along with Jimmy Allen of New York.

ALL RE-ELECTED

Joseph M. Washington of Brooklyn became grand inner guard, replacing Lonnie Williams of Providence, R. I. All other officers were re-elected except Mr. Wilson, who will face definite opposition in 1940, when the convention will meet in St. Louis.

Financially, the Elks had a hard run on the treasury this year, being forced to cut the pay of working committees and officers in half in order to meet the convention payroll. There was no money left when the paying officers ended their work late Saturday evening.

The treasurer's report showed a total of $55,223.51 received by all departments, and $51,847.16 spent, leaving a balance of $3,376.40 plus $12,525.03 carried over from last year. Last year's expenses exceed receipts by over 3,000.

Jerry O. Gilliam, exalted ruler of Eureka lodge, Norfolk, Va., and the lodge were definitely suspended permanently, and the Norfolk district deputy was ordered by the grand lodge to organize a new lodge in Norfolk.

BURRELL GRAND MARSHALL

J. Merder Burrell, Newark, N. J., was named grand marshal of next year's parade by Mr. Wilson, and ordered to produce an organized parade after the grand lodge had severely criticized the manner in which the parade here was conducted. Dr. Carter Marshall, New Haven, Conn., was appointed grand medical director, replacing Dr. Charles Fisher of Washington. W. T. Meade Grand, Jr., of New Orleans, was named past grand director of Junior Elks.

Resolutions were passed to ask that domestic as well as cane sugar workers in the deep South be given benefits under the social security act, and related labor laws. The Afro American Exposition of 1940 in Chicago received endorsement.

A total of 615 officers and delegates, from 352 lodges, constituted chosen over Chicago, Philadelphia the convention. St. Louis was and Cincinnati for the next confab. Prizes were awarded to the following: best band, Columbia lodge, Washington; largest marching club, Quaker City lodge, Philadelphia; best drill team (Daughter Elks), Harper temple, Baltimore, Md.; best juvenile appearance, the 60-piece girls life and drum corps of the Booker T. Washington High school, Memphis, Tenn., affiliated with the Bluff City lodge there; unit from longest distance, the Atlanta, Ga., riding troup; and the cup for the finest riding troup went to the beautifully-garbed daughter Elks from Detroit, Michigan.

PRESS PROTESTS

Newspapermen with bona fide connections protested against the poorly set-up press arrangements made by Chairman Charles T. Magill of Brooklyn, and vigorously protested against the continued placing of persons with no newspaper connections on the press committee, causing a decrease in the shares of that group's meager appropriation. Requests will be made for a new set-up next year on the press arrangements.

Tribute was paid the Rev. W. George Avant, grand chaplain, and the conventio adjourned till next year.

St. Louis Chosen By Elks As The 1940 Convention City

By ALLAN W. ACKERMAN

Although the Elks were footsore and weary from the parade it didn't stop them from having a grand time at their ball Tuesday night at the 369th Regiment Armory.

And the Antlered Herd made merry dancing to the music supplied by three bands. Around 1 o'clock, Elkdom's "Little Napoleon," as J. Finley Wilson is familiarly called, presented gold cards of life memberships to Will Vodery and Duke Ellington and then the grand march was on with the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson in the lead, followed by the other grand officers and members. It was a gala affair. The winners of the oratorical contest were awarded their prizes on this night too.

After a few hours' sleep the weary Elks went into session at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, discussed business of the day and then adjourned to take in the World's Fair, where they were greeted by officials and the Grand Exalted Ruler signed the register of dignitaries. Later the Elks were entertained with a theatre party at the R.K.O. Theatre with Col. Arthur W. Little as host. Col. Little was given a gold card by the Grand Exalted Ruler becoming the second white man in the history of the order to receive such honor.

Thursday was given over to a boat excursion around Manhattan as guests of the City. On return to land the various committees made their reports and adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday morning at 9 a. m. the Grand Lodge re-convened and after the reading of the resolutions and the preliminary business, the Grand Lodge went into election, with several of the brothers making speeches putting forth the qualifications of their candidate for the office of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. The incumbent, Roy Bond of Baltimore, was opposed by Joseph A. Brown, exalted ruler of Imperial Lodge No 127, of New York.

The Grand Exalted Ruler called for a vote which gave Bond about 55 and Brown three times as many. When Bond saw that the vote was so overwhelmingly against him, he announced his withdrawal from the race and make the vote unanimous, lauding Brown for his splendid fight.

Other officers were unanimously elected after being presented by the nominating committee. They are: Dr Marcus Wheaton, Camden, N. J., grand esteemed loyal knight; Herbert E. Jones, Washington, D. C., grand lecturing knight; Eugene Sorrell, Los Angeles, Calif., grand esquire; J. M. Washington, Brooklyn, grand inner guard; John McKim, Charleston, W. Va., grand tiler.

Dr. Hudson J. Oliver of New York made a motion in behalf of taking the convention to St. Louis. The Rev. Collins Lee made a motion to take the convention to Chicago. Attorney Hobson Reynolds motioned for Philadelphia. After a spirited contest with several speeches setting forth the claims of each of these cities, St. Louis was chosen as the convention city for 1940.

The closing session was held Saturday morning at the Renaissance Casnio, where the newly elected officers were installed. The convention closed voting New York Elks as grand hosts and that the fortieth annual session was one of the most outstanding in the history of the order.

W. W. MURRAY ELECTED HEAD OF ORDER OF MOSES

WARRENTON, Va. — Winslow W. Murray, 3234 Stanton Road, Southeast, of Washington, D. C., was elected national supreme grand master of the Ancient Independent

WINSLOW W. MURRAY

Order of Moses, last Thursday, at the conclusion of the sixty-second annual session of the order.

Mr. Murray defeated Walter J. Brooker, 411 T Street, Northwest, and Hubert M. Pugsley, 1603 Nineteenth Street, Northwest, also of Washington, D. C.

A native of the District of Columbia, Mr. Murray has conducted a florist shop at 928 U Street, for 15 years, and is the only Negro florist in the city that has his own greenhouses. Scores of government officials and diplomats are listed among his clients.

Mr. Murray was educated in the local and Brooklyn, N. Y., public schools. His father is the late W. H. Murray, retired Admiral's steward, U.S.N., and his mother, the late Mrs. Rosa Murray, has the distinction of being the only colored post mistress in the District of Columbia, serving at the Garfield D. C., post office in 1885.

Is Church Trustee

He is trustee and an executive in the Allen A.M.E. Church; past worthy superior of Grace Tabernacle Order of Moses; past financial secretary, director of publicity and chairman of the committee on transportation of the National Supreme Grand Lodge, Order of Moses; junior warden of Ionic Lodge, Masons, past exalted ruler of Columbia Lodge, Elks; past District deputy grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the Galilean Fishermen and scores of other civic groups.

He also has a stand, employing colored clerks, at the Center Market. He plans to institute a membership drive and to bring a progressive administration for paying for the Moses Home at 1421 T Street, Northwest, and to rehabilitate the order in all of the States.

Other Officers Elected

Other officers elected were: W. H. Johnson, D. C., deputy grand master; Mrs. Maria King, D. C., N. S. grand vice; Alfred Minor, N.S.G., high priest; Walter J. Brooker, N.S.G. financial secretary; Georgia Roy, 658 Acker Street, Northeast, N.S.G. treasurer Spurgeon Tyler, Va., sergeant-at-arms, and Mary Brown, Pa. N.S.G support

SECRET SOCIETIES- 1939

KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF TABOR

TABORIANS TO HOLD MEET IN MOUND BAYOU

Town Plans Big Welcome For Order Despite Recent Killing

MOUND BAYOU, Miss., Nov. 10—Although the community has been considerably disturbed by the brutal killing of Miss Estella Montgomery, daughter of the founder of the town, a warm and cordial welcome is planned for the fiftieth annual grand session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor which opens here Nov. 13.

One of the outstanding features of the opening program will be a forum followed by a drama, "The Birth of Tabor," written and directed by P. A. Smith, Monday night, November 13. This drama displays thrilling scenes from slavery and conditions which brought about the founding and organizing of this great organization; the formal opening of the session will take place in the auditorium of Bethel A.M.E. church, Tuesday morning, November 14, with local program and annual sermon at the same building Tuesday night.

Each day's routine meeting will be held at Bethel. Wednesday night will be a gala night when the children's department will have the center of attraction followed by a colorful military contest between seven ladies' drill companies from various places in the state, the Mound Bayou Palatine Guards will also give an exhibition, music will be furnished by the Taborian band of Greenville, Miss., at the school auditorium.

Thursday night's activities will move to First Baptist church where Rev. E. G. Mason, Chief Grand Orator will conduct Memorial services. Friday night the installation of officers and anniversary banquet will be held at Bethel A.M.E. church, basement.

The public is cordially invited to attend the night services each night, however, only members of the organizations will be permitted to attend the daily routine meetings.

Knights Of Guiding Star In Annual Meet

Daily World 8-30-39

Knights of the Guiding Star of the East will open their 28th annual grand lodge session this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the West Fair Baptist church Atlanta, Ga.

A torchlight parade will be featured tomorrow night at eight o'clock. The parade will form at the corner of Parson and Chestnut streets, moving out Chestnut to Hunter to Ashby to the church.

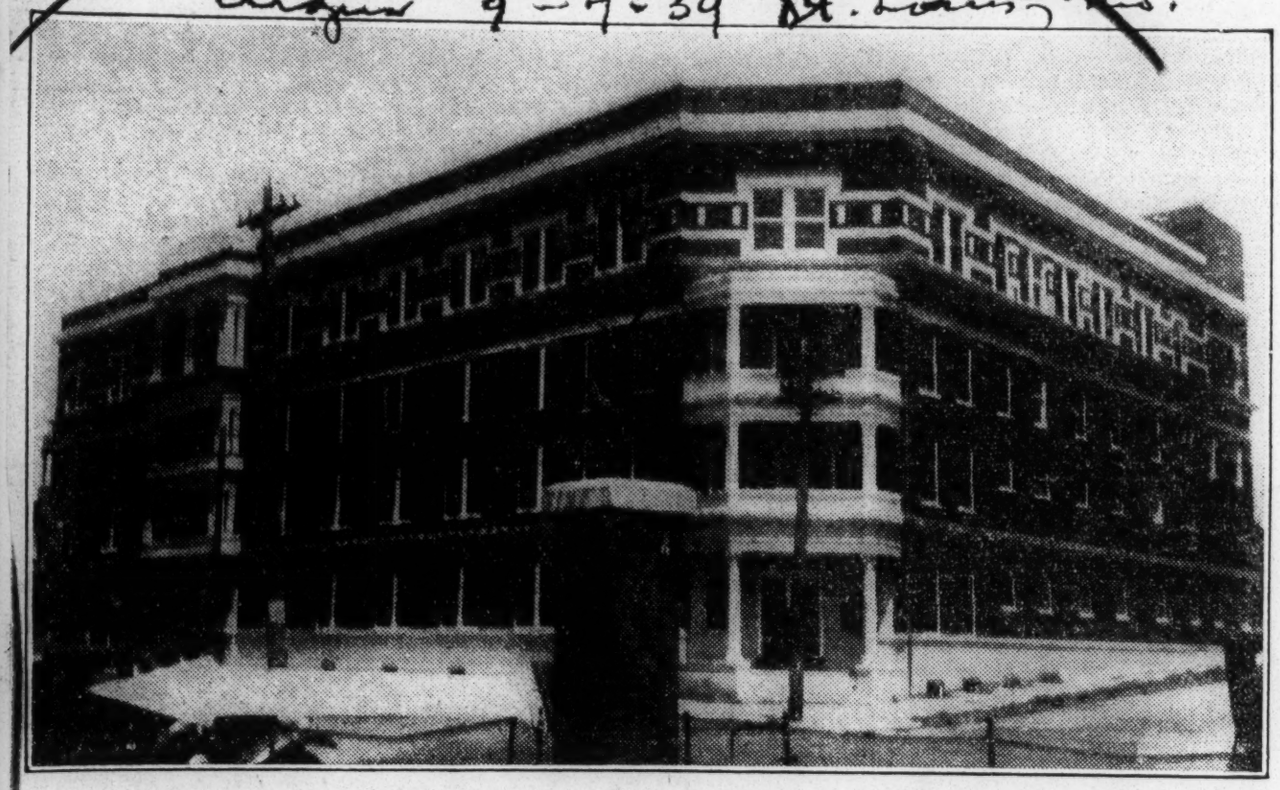
A large host of delegates is expected to throng Atlanta for the two-day convention.

Special delegates attending the session are Rev. J. N. William, grand master of South Carolina State; Prof. W. M. Carter, national grand secretary of Arkanses; and Rev. J. Henry Brown, of Savannah, Georgia.

An address will be delivered today by L. H. Heywood, vice president of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. Mr. Edward L. James, president of the Edward J. James Funeral home, will also speak. R. B. Bradley, state grand master will preside.

Former Woodmen of Union Building Taken Over by The Crusader Movement

August 9-7-39 St. Louis, Mo.



HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—The Knights of the Invincible Crusaders, U. S. A., will hold their jubilee at Hot Springs National Park, Ark., beginning Sunday, Sept. 10, and continuing through Sunday, Sept. 17.

Come and learn how thousands of new jobs and opportunities will be created through cooperation of capitalists and the government under the Crusader movement. The Crusader movement or organization is the only one of its kind in the world. It is not an insurance company nor a sick benefit society, but created expressly for the purpose of creating enterprises and business institutions throughout the land. Therefore, any idea, measure, purpose, principle, scheme, fundamental, ideal, formula, process, device, invention or effort capable of helping to give an opportunity to one of the millions of young Negro boys and girls now being educated and with nothing to do when they finish, will be utilized by the great Crusader Movement to create opportunities.

The above structure of brick, stone, steel, marble and terracotta and formerly equipped as a complete hospital, mineral bath, 150-room hotel, 2,000-3,000 capacity auditorium, gymnasium, and with fire proof and burglar proof vaults, a second 600 capacity hall, stores accessible by automatic elevators and other apartments on the ground floor covering a city block, was constructed **and equipped at a cost approximating $700,000.00, and said to** have been the finest of its kind ever built by the race. Because of a default involving $160,000.00 the property was lost to the R.F. C.

The property is now the home of the Knights of Invincible Crusaders of the United States of America, and dedicated to larger usefulness, for the benefit of America's most underprivileged minority group, with possibili**ties of becoming the greatest** health resort in the world for our group.

A great drama entitled: "The Negro Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", is being founded upon the Crusader plan, which some motion picture producers declare should be the greatest race motion picture ever produced. Several thousand people will be required to make this picture. Tests will be made in search of special talent for motion picture work, and anyone who can sing, speak or act is asked to come to the great jubilee.

Ask for reduced rates on buses and trains coming into Hot Springs from Sept. 10 until Sept. 17.

The Crusader Movement com**mittee consists of Captain Joe** Wyan, Major John C. Boone, Prof. George Washington, W. B. Patterson and Timothy Cain.

PETER CLAVER SHORTAGE HAS PASSED $8,000 MARK

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 19—The Board of Directors of the Knights of Peter Claver held a special session at St. Katherine Hall, to consider steps to be taken for the recovery of funds which Mrs. Octavia Douglas, who, while acting as a secretary to her father, forged checks belonging to the order amounting to more than eight thousand dollars, it was said.

Present at the meeting were: Louis Israel, Supreme Knight; A. P. Auguste, Deputy Supreme Knight; Archie W. Arnaud, national secretary, recently appointed to succeed Joseph E. Glapion, J. W. Mason, national treasurer; George L. Rieras, national editor; A. P. Tureaud, national advocate; Rev. J. A. Lally, national chaplain and Gilbert Faustina, Frank Trenier, Henry T. Green, Alex Herman and Edward LaSalle, Theodore Carriere and Dr. C. C. Haydel, national physician.

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Plans for a membership drive were also made. It was reported that notwithstanding the losses which the order sustained there was an increase in membership and a large reserve.

Visiting and grand knights from the various councils lent much interest to the session of the board. Among the many to attend were seen: Armand Biagas, George St. Julian, Prosper A. Bijou, Herman Lyons, Dupre Petrie, L. D. Fontenot, Whitney Evans, Anthony Jones, Joseph Mouton, Sr. and Joseph Mouton, Jr., Adolphe Etienne Etienne Jasmin, John Reaux.

No statements were made as to just what steps would be taken to recover the money embezzled. The Knights of Peter Claver is one of the strongest orders among Negroes and a loss of a sum as this has very little effect upon its treasury. The officers states that all claims against the order would be met promptly as usually is the case.

Gadsden, Ala., Times
February 20, 1939

NEGRO PYTHIANS WILL CELEBRATE

Knights of Pythians of Queen City Lodge No. 55, colored, will hold their annual thanksgiving celebration March 26.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the celebration will be held Tuesday night. All members are urged to attend.

Shriners' Head Opposes Long Office Terms

Gives Views Before Imperial Council in Ohio Meeting

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Admonitions against self-aggrandizement and long tenure in office were given by John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, Shriners' imperial potentate, before the second Provisional Council session, attended by representatives from thirteen temples.

He said:

"Success is not attainable in any worth while project overnight. The goal is reached only thru persistent and consistant endeavor, inspired by the desire to succeed, and fostered by the 'will to do.' "

Reviewing the work of the Imperial Council for the past six months, the Imperial Potentate expressed his great pleasure over the number of young men elevated to the office of Illustrious Potentate in a majority of the subordinate temples. He said it was the fulfilment of the demand of the age, in order that we may wage a more vigorous and relentless fight to regain our former high position among fraternal orders.

Through these young, intelligent, aggressive leaders, he felt assured that the Order of the Mystic Shrine would stand steadfast in its purpose, sublime in its intergrity, and grand glorious and eternal in its devotion to humanity.

Earl Gordon, illustrious potentate of Alla Baba Temple, the host, gave the address of welcomes to visitors prior to the imperial potentate's address and his installation of officers elect of Alla Baba Temple.

H. Z. Plummer, imperial assistant rabban, of Portsmouth, Va., responded. H. C. Gilbert was master of ceremonies.

Raymond E. Jackson, deputy imperial potentate, outlined the proposed educational feature, which the Imperial Divan will present to the Imperial Council for ratification at the next meeting in August. In an open forum, information regarding the various temples was discussed.

Other speakers were: I. P. Johns, W. H. Garrard, C. S. Patterson, J. W. Moore, Bert Ferguson, W. F. Speaks, C. D. Freeman, and J. T. Simpson.

The Daughters of Isis were introduced by R. E. Hughes. Telegrams were read from Z. Alexander, imperial chief rabban Charlotte, N.C.; and H. D. Crosby, illustrious potentate, Marracc Temple No. 13, Detroit, Mich Following the business session, a banquet was served by the daughters of Alla Baba Court. A ball and a sight-seeing trip were other features of the assembly.

Imperial appointed Officers

Raymond E. Jackson, deputy potentate; H. Z. Plummer, assistant rabban; H. C. Gilbert, high priest and prophet; W. H. Garrard, oriental guide; Chas. D. Freeman, treasurer; Ira P. Johns, recorder.

Imperial officers appointed: John P. Bowles, assistant recorder; H. Speaks, first ceremonial master;

C. S. Patterson, second ceremonial master; Jean B. Goggins, captain of guard; William Drainard, outer guard; John W. Moore, marshal; Charles Jackson and Thomas E. Kelson, assistant marshals;

Representatives Present

Representatives present were:

JERUSALEM
Baltimore
John H. Murphy, Jr., Thomas E. Kelson

MECCA
Washington, D.C.
Charles D. Freeman, Bert McCoy

MARRACCI
Detroit
W. H. Garrard.

ARABIA
Portsmouth, Va.
R. N. Butler, Howard J. Plummer Oscar A. Brown, J. W. Robinson.

EL HASA
Cleveland
Ira P. Johns, H. H. Franklin, Jean B. Goggins, B. N. Chandler, Joseph Stevens.

AKBAR
Springfield
C. E. Nelson, G. T., Simpson, F. A. McGuinis S. S. Jordan E. L. Burns, W. F. Speaks, Samuel R. Lee.

ALLA BABA
Columbus
J. H. Beck, John Shepherd, Pearle O. Saunders, Earl Gordon, Richard Hamilton, W. F. Drummond, H. L. Coleman, Delbert Jackson;
J. E. Johns, Carl E. Stevens, G. W. Bowman, C. N. Boggs, H. B. Alexander, E. H. Ball, R. W. Stevens;
O. D. Curtis, Virgil E. Jacobs, Russell F. Smith, W. E. Moore, C. L. Hughes Ray E. Hughes;
Robert Coles, J. M. Brown, G. S. Fields, Salmon P. White, Paul Rudolph.

SINAI
Cincinnati
Griffin Jackson, Joseph C. Taylor, B. W. Ferguson, Howard T. Greer, Albert Blackburn, J. Hightower.

EL KARNEK
Lansing, Mich.
J. W. Moore.

TYRE
Richmond, Ind.
B. D. Dethridge, C. S. Patterson, Leland L. Ramus.

HADJ
Buffalo, N.Y.
Raymond E. Jackson, Charles Jackson.

CAWTHAR
Evansville, Ind.
James E. Cobb.

PERSIAN
Indianapolis
W. E. Jones.

DAUGHTERS of ISIS

SINAI COURT
Cincinnati
Dt. Willie Button.

OASIS COURT
Washington, D.C.
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Masons Are Headed For Tuskegee

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Commander Allen was in charge of the public program, arranged as follows: Invocation by the Rev. Walter S. Jackson; selection by the student choir; addresses of welcome by D. E. P. Belson, representing the grand master of Alabama, Rev. W. A. Richardson for the churches, Dr. W. T. B. Williams, for Tuskegee institute, and J. E. Flood, for the citiztns; responses by Bishop M. H. Davis, A. M.E. church, J. W. Dobbs, grand master of Georgia, John L. Webb, grand master of Mississippi, Alfred Nixon, secretary Southern Life Insurance company of Maryland, and Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate, Order of the Mystic Shrine; oration by Rev. J. E. A. Johns and benediction by Rev. A. J. Payne.

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VISIT WASHINGTON GRAVE

At the close of the morning session, lunch was served in the cafeteria and from there delegates went to the grave of the late Booker T. Wasington where services were held and a floral wreath placed on his grave; thence to the statue where a picture was taken of the members of the Supreme Council.

Later, the Supreme Council met in the Masonic temple, where the following were elevated to the 33rd degree: Dr. A. J. Payne, Dr. F. D. Patterson, William A. Richardson Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Kerint Hall, H. C. Galloway, Dr. E. A. Johns, Willis J. Conners, and Dr. G. J. Garnett.

In the evening, the members were entertained by the faculty of Tuskegee institute, at the Oaks home of the late Booker T. Washington; refreshments were served.

TO HELP STUDENT

Tuesday morning the Supreme Council resumed its session and the reports of the various committees were heard. Fifty dollars was donated to the institute for the purpose of helping some deserving student. A visit was also made to the U. S. Veterans' facility which is in charge of Dr. Dibble, chief of staff with an all-colored personnel. Dr. Dibble addressed the delegation, stating that the hospital project had 64 buildings and a monthly disbursement of approximately $112,000.

Ten Receive Honorary 33rd Masonic Degree At Tuskegee

Dr. Patterson Among Those Given Honors

TUSKEKGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Ten men received the honorary 33rd degree (last degree in Masonry) at the 53rd Annual Session held at the Institute here this week.

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GRAND COMMANDER SPEAKS

After paying a glowing tribute to the life and work of the late Booker T. Washington, Willard W. Allen, illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, delivered an allocution to the 33rd degree Masons assembled at Tuskegee Institute in their fifth third annual session of the United Supreme council, in which he said, "The members of our craft are taught to obey the laws and adhere with patriotic fidelity to the Government of the country." Current conditions in the world, the prevalence is aims in our own country and the restraints under which Negroes have suffered, give this expression a tremendous significance, and does much to counteract doubts prevailing in many quarters concerning the Negro.

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ASK NAACP AID

He recommended, among other things, "active and energetic moral and financial support" of the work of NAACP, The Negro Business League, The Negro Press, Tuskegee Institute, and all other similar institutions and agencies engaged in the struggle for race progress.

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SECRET SOCIETIES- 1939 MASONS

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Lexington, Miss, Advertiser
January 5.-1939

Colored Masons Name Officials For The Year

Officers of the Colored Morning Star Lodge No. 40 were named for the year as follows: D. D. Beatty, W. M.; John Henry Price, S. W.; E. H. Young, J. W.; Les Hodges, treasurer; W. H. Solman, secretary; Cuba Hodges, tyler. Installation of officers will be held Wednesday night, January 11.

MAKES REPORT

John Webb, grand master of Mississippi F. & A. M., who reports that his organization has paid more than $4,000 to widows and orphans during the past year and who states that 30,000 acres of new crops have been purchased by Negroes of Mississippi through the government's resettlement plan.

GUIDING LIGHTS

Gainesville News 4-22-39

Prince Hall is often referred to as the father of Free Masonry among the American Negroes . . . A native of Bridgetown, Barbados, P. W. I., he came to this country in 1765 at the age of 17 . . . The next ten years he spent in hard work and diligent study . . . Hall joined the Methodist Church and later pastored a church in Cambridge, Mass. . . . He became deeply interested in the secrets of Free Masonry and was admitted to the military lodge prior to the Revolutionary War . . . Following the Revolution Prince Hall made efforts to organize a colored order and after much difficulty finally secured a charter in 1787 for his Negro Masonic Lodge.

Jackson, Miss., News
June 7, 1939

COLORED MASONS WILL MAKE TRIP

Members of M. W. King Hiram grand lodge, colored A. F. and A. M. Scottish Rite Masons will make a trip to New Orleans Sunday, June 18, for a celebration at which they will be guests of M. W. King George grand lodge of Louisiana. An excursion train will be run to New Orleans over the Illinois Central, leaving at 4 a. m. The public is invited to join in the trip and celebration.

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune
June 23, 1939

OFFICERS ELECTED BY NEGRO MASONS

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Baton Rouge, June 21. — Scott A. Lewis of Natchitoches was re-elected grand master of the Most Worshipful Eureka Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons at the 76th annual convocation of the organization here in the Odd Fellows Temple. Other officers elected were: John G. Lewis, Jr., Natchitoches, deputy grand master; Morris L. Kraft, Alexandria, senior grand warden; K. L. Stevenson, Homer, junior grand warden; Rev. A. R. Butler, Lafayette, grand treasurer; T. C. Rankin, Shreveport, grand secretary; R. U. Clark, Rayne, assistant grand secretary; Rev. J. L. Burrell, New Orleans, grand chaplain; Rev. J. B. Jolicoeur, New Orleans, grand chaplain; Frank S. Young, Franklin, grand organist; H. R. Barranco, Baton Rouge, grand master of ceremonies; W. R. Gardner, Mansfield, grand persuivant; Leonard Howard, New Orleans, grand orator; A. L. Brunner, Monroe, grand sword bearer; Dr. O. H. Bassett, Jr., Alexandria, grand lecturer; W. E. Logan, Belcher, grand standard bearer; C. E. Carter, New Orleans, grand senior deacon; Villrie Machen, Alexandria, grand junior deacon; D. L. Young, Morgan City, grand marshall; J. L. Robins, Baton Rouge, grand senior steward; E. S. Gullett, New Iberia, grand junior steward; Shelly Hammond, New Orleans, grand tyler; T. C. Rankin, William A. Brown and Isaac Wade, members of the charity board.

J. J. Coleman of Mansfield was re-elected royal grand patron of Esther Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at the third annual session of the organization, held jointly with the Eureka Grand Lodge. Other officers elected were: M. J. Minor, New Orleans, royal grand matron; Victor Williams, Bogalusa, associate grand patron; L. G. Jones, Baton Rouge, associate grand matron; Fannie Smith, Berwick, grand secretary; Clara Hart, Bogalusa, grand treasurer.

The grand master, in his annual address, stated that the membership of the lodge is approximately 7000, and that the resources of the lodge are $82,907.62.

The next session will be held at Lake Charles.

Columbus, Ga Enquirer-Sun
September 22, 1939

Public Meeting Of Negroes Set

A public meeting of negro Masons and Order of Eastern Star will be held at the Metropolitan Baptist church on Fifth avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets Sunday at the close of the morning church service, according to an announcement by Dr. William H. Spencer, Jr.

All members of these two fraternal organizations, whether they are in good standing or not, are requested to be present at this meeting and bring their friends, it was stated. A short program will be rendered and several death claims will be paid to beneficiaries of deceased members of these fraternal organizations.

Those in charge of this meeting are C. W. Baxter, W. M., T. M. Sims, treasurer, and James L. Jones, secretary, of Mt. Piscah lodge; Dr. K. H. Terry, secretary, of Louis Hayden lodge; G. R. Odom, W. M., A. E. Clarke, secretary, and L. F. Cantey, treasurer, of Columbus chapter of Order of Eastern Star, R. V. Cobb, G M. and Dr. R. H. Cobb, deputy.

Masons Of Alabama

Net $93,385

7-29-39

Eastern Star Lodge Meets In Dothan

By OSCAR W. ADAMS

DOTHAN, Ala.—The fact that $93,285.19 had been collected during the past year and that its membership had been increased by 1,008 in the same period of time was revealed at the sixty-first grand lodge session of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama Prince Hall affiliation, held here recently.

The forty-fourth annual session of the Mizpah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, jurisdiction of Alabama, headed by Mrs. Janie M. Belasco of Mobile, met jointly with the Masons. More than 350 delegates were in attendance.

The entire staff of the grand lodge of Masons was re-elected, with the exception of the place of Senior Warden formerly held by W. H. Manly. The newly elected Senior Warden is A. P. Mack of Tuskegee Institute.

The officers of the grand chapter, order of Eastern Star, were reelected without change in the personnel.

The grand lodge adjourned to meet in Huntsville, Ala., the third Tuesday in July, 1940.

More than four hundred delegates and Past Masters answered the roll call, and Credentials committee reported five hundred lodges financial in the state, with a membership of more than nine thousand. The delegates represented every section of Alabama, and men in every profession, trade and business endeavor.

Reports from all departments of the order showed substantial increases over last year.

The Endowment Department, including its premium income, burial and rentals, showed a collection of eighty-eight thousand four hundred ten dollars and thirty-one cents ($88,410.31). The Grand Lodge department, including the educational fund, had a collection of four thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars and eighty-eight cents ($4,874.88), making the total collection for the year of ninety-three thousand two hundred eight-five dollars and nineteen cents ($93,285,19.) The membership had increased one thousand and eight (1,008) during the year. One hundred and seventy-seven (177) deaths had occurred during the year, and death claim payments amounted to fifty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents ($53,759.79).

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Afro-American

Degrees Awarded to Educators and Two Prelates

10-14-39

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GUOOF Chiefs End Nine-Day Meet in Philly

Committee Prunes Budget and Gives Texas Grand Lodge

PHILADELPHIA — The January semi-annual meeting of the committee of management, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, closed Wednesday, after devoting nine days to consideration of matters concerning the order throughout the United States, Central and South America, Africa and the West Indies.

The sessions were presided over by Grand Master Edward H. Morris of Chicago.

In addition to disposing of twenty-five or thirty causes for juridical adjudication, which had accumulated since the July, 1938, term, the committee devoted considerable time to formulating a definite program for the general welfare of the order.

Plans were approved for an intensive membership campaign, including the restoration of forfeited members, lodges, and Households of Ruth.

Budget Pruned

The pruning knife was freely used in bringing the operating expense budget into harmony with existent resources and prospective revenues.

Mrs. Lavinia Fair of Washington, D.C., national supervisor of juveniles was reappointed. District Grand Lodge No. 25 (Texas), was cited to show cause, if any, why its charter should not be revoked and nullified.

Grand Master Morris tendered a banquet to his colleagues on the committee on Tuesday evening.

Other grand lodge officers who compose the committee of management were:

Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, deputy grand master; Jessie L. Nicholas, Baltimore, secretary; A. T. Shirley, Arlington, Va., treasurer; directors: R. T. Thomas, Jacksonville, Fla.; James F. Adair, Brooklyn, N.Y.; H. H. Butler, Hartsville, S.C.; William Kelso, Alexandria, La., and John A. Carey, Philadelphia.

SOME ODD FELLOW HISTORY; DATA OF ORDER'S ORIGIN

Of considerable historic interest in this country are the founding and development of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America—one of the oldest, best known, and most popular fraternal organizations of the present day.

Receiving its charter from England in 1842, Philomathean Lodge No. 646, New York, N.Y., was formerly organized and began its activities March 1, 1843. Within one year after its establishment this lodge had well begun its triumphal march to fame. In that time it had laid the foundation for the future greatness of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the Western Hemisphere. Under the guidance of Peter Ogden, the authorized superintendent, a sub-committee of management was organized from among the members of this first lodge of the Order in America. This American Sub-Committee of Management began its existence February 21, 1844. It began to function February 29 by granting a charter for the establishment of the second lodge in New York City—Hamilton Lodge No. 710. On May 14 a dispensation was granted to open Unity Lodge No. 711, in Philadelphia, Pa., which became, and yet remains, the mother lodge of Pennsylvania. Ten days later followed the dispensation to open Rising Star Lodge No. 713 in Hartford, Con.

Then came the opening of a new branch of the Order—Grand Council No. 1, New York City, which was the first grand council. The later, and present, designation of this branch of Odd Fellowship is "past grand masters council." Several other lodges were established in other States.

This first Sub-Committee of Management gave a very good account of itself and left an eviable record. It was composed of the following: James Fields, grand master; Timothy Seaman, deputy grand master; Frances Myers, grand secretary; and Charles Willets, Charles Stewart, Ulysses B. Vidal, Henry Smith, and David Wormsley, directors.

The branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows known as the "Past Grand Masters Council" is one of the so-called "higher branches" of the order; it is also known as the "Patriarchal Order of Past Grand Masters," and its membership is limited to members of subordinate lodges who have served in office through the seven degrees of the lodge and are otherwise proficient and experienced in the teachings of Odd Fellowship. Odd Fellows covet membership in the council because it connotes realization of ideals that are attainable only through consecrated endeavor and ripened experience. The members of this branch of the Order are regarded with Veneration by those who have not entered its portals, and through this veneration they become inspired to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone on before.

Nation To Observe Newspaper Week From Feb. 27 To March 5

Project Sponsored By Journalistic Fraternity To Stimulate Interest

Director

Moss Hyles Kendrix, of Morehouse College, Atlanta, editor-in-chief of the Maroon Tiger, student publication, and one of the founders of the Delta Phi Delta journalistic fraternity, is directing the observance of National Negro Bigger and Better Newspaper Week, a project of the fraternity. The week will be observed, February 27 to March 5.

Special to Journal and Guide

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It is the hope of the fraternity that the project will stimulate a greater interest in journalism among the Negro youth and a greater interest in the Negro press.

Delta Phi Delta, Intercollegiate Journalistic Society, was founded during the fall of 1937 by Bernard Milton Jones, V. Trenton Tubbs and Moss Hyles Kendrix, all students of Morehouse College. The objective of Delta Phi Delta is four-fold:

(1) "To stimulate among Negro college men and women an interest in the science and art of journalism, and confer honor upon such students as have distinguished themselves by their meritorious services on the various college publications.

(2) "To unite in bonds of good fellowship college-trained Negro men and women either engaged in collegiate journalism or proposing to engage in the profession of journalism.

(3) "To confer honor upon those who have distinguished themselves in the craft of writing.

(4) "To appraise the works of Negro novelists, journalists, essayists and poets, and bespeak the value of their contributions to America."

Working with the late Dr Johnson on the Advisory Council of Delta Phi Delta were W. S Braithwaite, B. G. Brawley, Howard Thurman, Ira D. Reid, Alain Locke, Leslie Pinkney Hill, Rufus E. Clement, and many others Among the well known journalists who gave their aid to the project of the group were: George Schuyler, the P. B. Youngs, Jr. and Sr. Mrs. Rebecca S. Taylor, C. A Baskerville, Lionel F. Artis, Carl Murphy, and others too numerous to mention.

The first chapter was established at Morehouse in January, 1936, at which time Dr. Johnson himself conducted the installation services—Tennessee A. and I. College joined during the early days of February, Johnson C. Smith and Fisk Universities were also members before the first convention. Lincoln University, (Mo.) has a chapter now.

Sigmas Announce Business Series

RICHMOND — A three-point business program was announced ready to be put into effect, at a meeting of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, last week.

The program, under the chairmanship of H. D. Carpenter, will include a series of business programs to be held in various sections of the city; cooperation with local business organizations and various contests to be held in the local schools.

Arrangements were also made by the members for the formal installation banquet which was postponed until February 24, to be held at Miller's Hotel. Plans are also under way for organizing a basketball team which will be ready for 1940 competition.

Birmingham Ala., Age-Herald
March 4, 1939

NEGRO FRAT FIVES TO PLAY SATURDAY

Teams from Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi will meet Saturday night at the Negro Masonic Temple in the first of a series to determine frat supremacy here.

Preliminary games will send the County School Marms against the Immaculata High Girls and the Green Wave against the Bessemer "Y."

Jesse O. Thomas Inspiring In Sigma Gamma Rho Speech

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—(SNS)—Under the auspices of XI Sigma Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Jesse O. Thomas made a forceful speech which converted an erstwhile lethargic audience into a most responsive group of listeners.

XI Sigma Chapter, which is just three months old, sponsored a program at Majority Baptist Church in an effort to raise its scholarship quota.

Far and wide it was heralded that Mr. Thomas would speak on "Race Relations." On Sunday at a quarter to three the auditorium of the church was packed to capacity with a mixed crowd over which there was a spell of hushed expectancy. Carloads of persons came from Gaffney, Union City, and other towns within a radius of thirty miles. This was Mr Thomas' first appearance in Spartanburg and many were eager to see him as well as to hear what he had to say.

The speaker based his dissertation upon the report which brands the South as the Nation's Number 1 Economic Problem. The speaker never committed himself beyond the fact that the South is the poorest section of the Nation. In a scientific manner he pointed out the economic advantages which the South might enjoy if it would set to work to harness its natural resources. On the other hand he pointed out, uncompromisingly, the reasons why the South does not enjoy a greater degree of economic independence. His classical example was that which was uttered by M. Ashby Jones sometime ago. 'The white man uses one hand with which to extract a living from his surroundings and with the other hand he holds the Negro down; the Negro in turn, uses one hand to beat off the white man, and with the other hand he strives to earn a living. The result is two one armed men trying to build a civilization.'

In his closing remarks, the speaker exhorted both whites and Negroes to take a sane view of the situation, and strive to work together, for there lies the salvation of the South.

Pan-Hellenic Council to Give $100 Scholarship

EVANSTON, Ill., Apr. 20. (A. N. P.)—The National Pan-Hellenic council, an organization of eight Negro Greek letter fraternities and sororities, announces a $100 scholarship to be awarded to a student at Wilberforce university for the scholastic year 1939-40. This is in keeping with the policy of the council to award a scholarship to an outstanding student in one of the Negro universities or colleges each year.

According to William C. Pyant, chairman of the council, the award is open to either a man or woman student who is a member of a Greek letter organization and who is enrolled as a junior at Wilberforce. The candidate for the award must have maintained a general average of B for the school year 1938-39. Nominations for the award will be made by the president and faculty next month, and the award will be presented in time for the June commencement.

The National Pan-Hellenic council was organized ten years ago at Howard university. Since that time, the council has done much to bring about uniform rules for pledging and scholastic endeavor.

KAPPAS PLAN BROAD NAT'L PROGRAM; ELECT 1939 OFFICERS

Jas. E. Scott Elected Grand Polemarch, Succeeds Mann

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23—Indicating a broad national program, the various committees and appointed officers to serve during the rest of 1939, were named here this week by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, through James E. Scott, lawyer and realtor, who was recently elected grand polemarch.

Carrying out a mandate to continue close cooperation with civil rights organizations such as the N. A. A. C. P., the National Problems Advisory Committee was strengthened and W. Robert Ming Jr., professor of law at Howard University, named chairman.

Aiming to keep an eye on all parts of the country, other members of the committee are: Attorneys Theophilus M. Mann, of the department of interior, Chicago; Louise R. Mehlenger of the U. S. Department of Justice; Lawrence O. Payne, Cleveland; Frank N. Summers, East St. Louis, Ill.; J. Wellington Holland, San Antonio, Texas; Carl L. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.; Edgar J. Johnson, Los Angeles.

Guide Right Commission

The important Guide Right Commission, which prosecutes Kappa's major public project, is again headed by Attorney R. J. Reynolds, Topeka, Kansas, with the following assistants: G. Smith Hawkins, Chicago; H. Stratton Hopson, Columbus, Ohio; James H. Morton, Marshall, Texas; J. Julius Flood, Tuskegee Institute; Malcolm A. Jackson, New York City, and Thomas E. Batson, Washington, D. C.

To standardize the requirements for the fraternity's highest honor—the Laurel wreath, a committee composed of all the past grand polemarchs was named for this year, including Dr. J. Jerome Peters, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis; Irvin Armstrong, Indianapolis; George F. David, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce Ohio; W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago; A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, Iowa; A. Moore Shearin, Durham, N. C.; Theophilus M. Mann, Chicago.

Fleming Re-named Editor

G. James Fleming, Philadelphia, Pa., was re-named editor-in-chief of the monthly Kappa Alpha Psi Journal, and Harry H. C. Gibson, Chicago advertising manager. Associate editors are James Egert Allen, New York City; Dr. N. O. Calloway, Fisk University; Murray Marvin, Jr., Germantown, Pa. and J. Bernard Knighten, Dillard University, New Orleans. Fleming will also serve as publicity director of the fraternity.

Dr. C. Leon Wilson, Chicago medic, remains chairman of the Achievement Commission, with Avalon C. Cox, Indianapolis; C. Clifford Washington, Philadelphia; Dr. A. C. Terrence, Opelusas, La., and William T. Carter, Virginia State College, Etterick, Va., as members.

The Scholarship Commission, which every year gives both grants-in-aid and loans to needy students is headed by Theester Coleman, of West Virginia State College. The other members are Everett H. Colbert, St. Louis, Mo.; Donald Spencer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Roscoe E. Singleton, Chicago and Leo L. Kerford, Iowa City Iowa.

Housing Group Important

The important housing committee, which is setting the pace in securing chapter houses in those cities where Negro students cannot rent adequate quarters, will have as chairman again W. Ellis Stewart of Chicago, with Lucien P. Garrett, St. Louis, and George E. C. Hayes as members. James E. Scott and J. Ernest Wilkins, are members ex-officio.

Elected Officers Listed

Besides Scott, the elected officers of the fraternity are Benjamin L. Goode, West Virginia State College, senior grand vice polemarch; Arthur D. Clark, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kans., junior grand vice polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, grand keeper of records and exchequer; Ernest H. Davenport, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., grand strategus; William J. Prince, Jr., University of Illinois, lieutenant strategus; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis school principal, historian.

Named to the grand board of directors were Attorney Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis, Ill.; A. A. Reid, instructor, Atlanta University; Wendell M. Lucas, Howard University, and Dr. Guy L. Grant, Indianapolis.

Phi Beta Sigma Frat Observes Its Better Business Week

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, observed "Bigger and Better Business Week during the week of April 17-23. In keeping with the Fraternity slogan, several attempts were made to urge Negroes to go into business and support Negro business.

On Sunday morning, April 23rd, the three New York chapters worshipped at the Mother Zion A. M. E. Church, of which Rev. Robeson (a Sigma Frater) is Pastor. Fully 150 Sigma Fraters were present to hear a most inspiring sermon which was delivered by Rev. Robeson. The Phi Beta Sigma Sigma Glee Club sang two numbers at this service. They were: "Deep River", by Burleigh and "Going Home," by Dvorak.

After church services, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter gave a bigger and better business luncheon at the Harlem Y. M. C. A. Cafeteria. At this luncheon, the following persons spoke on "Bigger and Better Business among Negroes": "Chappie" Gardner, Reginald Douthit (President of Alpha Delta Chapter), Dr. Hamlet (President of Kappa Beta Chapter), W. McClellan, Eustace Williams, J. Philip Jiggets, Bro. Govan and others. B. Franklin Vaughn acted as master of ceremonies.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is making plans to further advertise the "Bigger and Better Business Program."

G. W. Cox Again Heads Sixth Omega District

Grand Basileus Dent Present For Annual Meeting

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — Members of Psi Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were hosts to delegates from fourteen of the eighteen chapters of the fraternity that comprise the Sixth District in its fourth annual conference held here April 21-22. The sessions were held at the State Teachers College.

Delegates with their wives and sweethearts, with friends of Omega from the two Carolinas and Virginia, were guests of the host chapter at a sport dance given Friday evening in the College gymnasium.

Among the celebrities who enjoyed an evening of dancing to the strains of Cromwell's Broadcasters were: A. W. Dent of New Orleans, La., grand basileus of the fraternity; S. Herbert Adams, Charlotte, N. C., Sixth District representative, and G. W. Cox of Durham, N. C., president of the Sixth District Conference.

The public meeting was held Saturday morning in the beautiful Fries Memorial Auditorium and began with an organ prelude by Noah F. Ryder, director of community music at the college. Following the invocation by the Rev. W. Otto Gill, a heart address of welcome was extended to the delegates by F. L. Atkins, president of the Winston-Salem Teachers College, following which other greetings of welcome were extended by representatives of all the national Greek Letter fraternities and sororities of the city. Vocal music was rendered by the 60-voice A-capella choir of the college under the direction of Mr. Ryder.

The morning business session of the conference was called to order by President G. W. Cox. Inspirational and challenging discussions were led by Grand Basileus Dent, former Grand Basileus J. Alston Atkins, executive secretary of the college; S. Herbert Adams, Sixth District representative of Omega Psi Phi, and Mr. Cox.

While the delegates were engaged in the activities of the afternoon session, the wives and sweethearts of the delegates were entertainedby the Women's Auxiliary of the local chapter in the reception rooms of Oleona Pegram Hall. Bridge, Chinese checkers, and pinochle were played.

Officers of the Sixth District for the ensuing year are as follows: district representative, S. Herbert Adams, Charlotte, unanimously re-elected to begin the 13th year; president, G. W. Cox, Durham; vice president, H. C. Woodland, Winston-Salem; secretary, G. Lee Johnson, Winston-Salem; assistant secretary, Mark Andrews, Orangeburg, S. C.; treasurer, A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem; chaplain, the Rev. W. O. Gill, Winston-Salem.

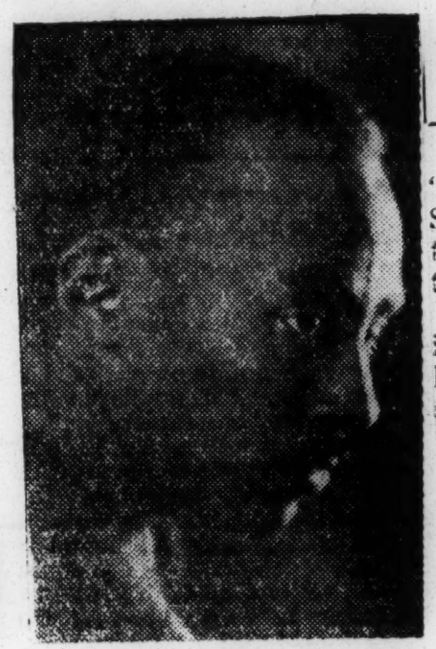
The final function of the conference was an informal, inter-fraternal dance sponsored by the Greek letter organizations of the city at the "White House."

Contest Director

HENRY V. HINDS

Henry Vincent Hinds, Lincoln University (Mo.) sophomore, who is national director of contests from the Delta Phi Delta intercollegiate honorary journalistic society. Plans are being made for a college newspaper competition. The winner is to be awarded a trophy at the annual meeting of the society in Nashville in April.

Planning for Omega Conference



T. HARRISON SHIELDS, JR., left, and Dr. A. B. Green, Jr., keeper of records and seal and basileus, respectively, of the Lambda Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity of Norfolk, which will be host to the annual State conference to be held here May 12 and 13.

The chapter is making rapid headway in preparing for the conference which is expected to draw more than 300 delegates and visitors

Delta Journalists Hold Meeting At Tennessee State

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The second annual convention of Delta Phi Delta Journalistic Society was held at Tennessee A. and I. State College April 13, 14, 15.

Delegates were in attendance from Howard, Johnson C. Smith, Lincoln (Mo.) and Fisk universities, Morehouse College, Tuskegee Institute, and Beta Chapter of A. & I., the host groups.

One of the main features of the affair was the debate between Tuskegee Institute and Tennessee State College on "Resolved: That The United States Should Cease To Use Public Funds (including credit) For The Purpose Of Stimulating Business.

Omega Chapter Favors West Point Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Vice President John N. Garner laid before the Senate April 13 the resolution of Alpha Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity favoring the enactment of the Fish Bills providing for the appointment of two colored cadets to West Point by the President each year and prohibiting racial discrimination in the Army.

An identical resolution was also presented to the House by Speaker William B. Bankhead. In both bodies it was referred to the committee on military affairs.

Sigmas To Present Burke To Students

In continuance of its local observance of the annual "Bigger and Better Negro Business Week", the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is presenting Edmund H. Burke, comptroller of Tuskegee Institute, in brief keynote messages in the local colleges.

This morning at nine o'clock, Mr. Burke will be heard in Sale Hall chapel at Morehouse college, while, an hour later in Stone Hall at Morris Brown college, he will address students during chapel exercises at the A.M.E. institution.

Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, Mr. Burke will complete the collegiate circuit of his schedule by appearing for exercises in W. H. Crogman chapel at Clark University in South Atlanta.

Wednesday morning in the Morris Brown chapel, the Crescent Club of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity staged a fine program in keeping with the business-conscious ideal during the current week, presenting as its guest speaker the Rev. W. W. Stephens, president of the college club, who contributed a fine address on the subject, "Economic Behavior and the Achievement of Final Goals".

Though young, the minister impressed his listeners that he had applied much study to his subject. He was master of the situation at all times as he held his college audience spellbound as he paraded the virtues of perseverence, preparedness, and other fundamentals leading to success.

The first sectional meeting in connection with the current celebration took place Tuesday night at Liberty Baptist church, with invocation by the pastor, the Rev. B. L. Davis, followed by short talks by W. L. Murdaugh and A. C. Murdaugh, brother morticians of this city; R. C. Eberhardt, assistant district manager of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company; and H. S. Murphy, proprietor of the House of Murphy, local printing establishment.

J. J. Minor, well-known grocer, also contributed a brief message. Murphy likened building Negro business to character building, stating that it is a long and arduous struggle. A. C. Murdaugh urged race-consciousness in business and advocated that Negroes "buy black."

The second sectional meeting is listed for Flipper Temple AME church, corner of Fair and Walnut Streets, with the Rev. David Norris as host pastor. Scheduled as speakers tonight Kenneth D. Days, Harry Clack, E. E. Jones, Harry Wofford and Menelik Jackson, with Dr. Winfred B. Nathan as keynote speaker of the night.

Through Mr. Butts, well-known grocer operating a store located in the University Homes settlement, a number of useful goods will be given away, such as ham, flour, bread, cake, and sweet and buttermilk.

The chairman of the local observance, A. C. Murdaugh, is urging wholesale response to the programs of the week on the part of the general public. Tonight's exercises begin at 7:45 o'clock.

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune
April 27, 1939

FRATERNITY PLANS BUSINESS PROGRAM

Observance of Bigger and Better Business Week by Theta Beta Sigma and Epsilon Alpha, New Orleans chapters of Phi Beta Sigma, national negro fraternity, is being held in churches, schools and colleges this week. Professor David Jackson of the department of history of Xavier university and Dean Edward G. Mitchell of Morris Brown college, Atlanta, Ga., are scheduled to speak on a program Sunday at 4 p. m. at Xavier.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sentinel
April 30, 1939

D. Vaughn To Address Fraternity

D. Franklin Vaughn, principal of school No. 90, New York city, will deliver the principal address today at 5 p.m. at the mass meeting sponsored as a closing phase of the local observance of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity's national celebration, "Bigger and Better Negro Business." The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Columbian Heights Elementary School. Vaughn is a member of the Epsilom chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and is national secretary and treasurer of the fraternity. Before going to New York to work, he was an instructor at Armstrong High School, Richmond, Va.

The closing of the observance here today will be a culmination of various activities having been sponsored during last week by the local chapter of the Sigma fraternity.

During the week of the celebration from April 23 to April 30, members of the local chapter gave addresses in public schools of the city and county. Speakers were Attorney W. A. Jones, Rufus Hairston, George Allen, Roscoe Anderson, George Christian and Attorney H. V. Price. A radio broadcast was held over a local station last Wednesday night presenting Mrs. Gwendolyn Hunter Ashley in a concert. I. Boyd Holden gave a resume of the week's activities during the broadcast. Mrs. Ashley is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

As a boost to better Negro business, the Phi Beta chapter also sponsored a "spirituals" contest.

Nashville, Tenn. Banner
April 21, 1939

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The annual meeting of the Delta Phi Delta fraternity, a national Negro journalistic body, was climaxed last Saturday when approximately sixty of the delegates from seven states visited The Banner and the Newspaper Printing Corporation Building. The group is shown above in the press room. Three students at the Agricultural and Industrial State College, where the three-day meet was held, were elected national officers of the body. Billy Jones was elected first vice-president; Ed Hale, son of the president of the college, was elected treasurer; and Lorenzo Traylor was elected editor of the national publication.

Kappas to Observe Guide Right Week

Guide Right Concentration Week, which yearly climaxes Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's vocational guidance movement, is being observed from April 9 through 16.

Omicron Chapter, of which William Atkinson is polemarch, and the New York Alumni Chapter, of which Marion W. Griffin is polemarch, pooled their resources and arranged programs with the view to impressing upon local Negro youth, especially high school seniors, the need of carefully selecting a vocation and preparing assiduously for it.

The fraternity's Guide Right Commission, at 180 West 135th street, includes the following directors: J. Llewellyn Heyliger, boy contact; William Martin and Blanchard A. Baker, program; Elmer J. Von Dickerson, publicity; Ian St. Hill, meetings; Walter Roberts and James Ames, visits; Buddy Walker, music; Dr. H. T. Donaldson, provincial polemarch Malcolm A. Jackson, Northeastern province Guide Right director, and the polemarchs of the local chapters.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA TO MEET

Negro Fraternity Will Open Sessions Here Tomorrow

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the first Greek letter fraternity among Negro college men, will open its thirty-third anniversary convention tomorrow in the Great Hall at City College, 139th Street and Convent Avenue. More than 400 delegates are expected to attend.

Lieut. Goev. Charles Poletti and Mayor La Guardia are scheduled to aid Acting President Nelson P. Mead in welcoming the delegates. Magistrate Myles Paige will introduce the national president, Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the Graduate School, Howard University. The convention address will be delivered by Dr. M. S. Davage, president of Clark University, Atlanta.

The fraternity was founded at Cornell University by seven Negro under-graduates thirty-three years ago. It now has a membership of more than 6,000 which includes leaders in many phases of business, professional and cultural life.

The convention will end Friday with special events at the World's Fair.

Seek to Inspire Negro Youth

R. J. REYNOLDS

C. C. LYTLE

Seeking to inspire Negro youth, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is displaying thruout the nation this week in many schools, churches, Y. M. C. A.'s and other public places, a "Guide Right" poster exhibit of thirty-one outstandingly successful Negro men and women in as many different vocations. This is being done in connection with the fraternity's sixteenth annual observance of National Guide Right week for such youth.

Here in Topeka these posters are on display in Carnegie Library, Washburn College, Topeka High school, the Kansas Vocational school, the four colored grade schools, the Wheatley Community Center and in several business establishments. According to R. J. Reynolds, local attorney and national director of the movement, the purpose of the exhibit is

(a) "to inspire Negro youths with broad vocational considerations and with confidence that no field of opportunity is barred to them simply because they are Negroes:

and (b) to inspire the public at large to share a genuine spirit of co-operation with them."

Signal honor is paid C. C. Lytle, Topeka detective, as the only Topekan included among th thirty-one distinguished Negroes. The poster aptly describes him as the "Sherlock Holmes of Kansas because of his exceptional skill in apprehending criminals and in procuring their confessions."

The other thirty persons displayed and the fields of their distinction are:

George W. Carver, Tukegee Institution, Alabama, agricultural chemistry; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Washington, D. C., project administration, NYA; Channing H. Tobias, New York City, social work; A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, Iowa, civil engineering; T. Arnold Hill, Washington, D. C., labor consultation, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; Col. Benjamin O. Davis, New York City, U. S. regular army, military science; Judge Armond W. Scott, Municipal Court of Washington, D. C., law; Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Wilberforce, Ohio, A. M. E. Church, religion; E. Simms Campbell, New York City, cartooning; Miss Marian Anderson, Philadelphia, Pa., vocal music; Ambrose Caliver, Washington, D. C., civil service; Paul R. Williams, Los Angeles, Calif., architecture; Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill., government; James A. Parsons Jr., Dayton, Ohio, metallurgical engineering; Samuel Plato, Louisville, Ky., building construction; Claude Harvard, Georgia, invention; Willis Cain, Blakely, Ga., electrical engineering; Richard L. Jones, Chicago, department store business; Samuel Bestada, Mobile, Ala., tailoring; A. M. Jones, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, laundry operation; Dr. M. O. Bousfield, Chicago, Negro health supervision; Joseph J. Jones, Shreveport, La., oil industry; A. A. Reed, Atlanta, Ga., accountancy; F. B. Ransom, Indianapolis, Ind., manufacturing; R. R. Wright Sr., Philadelphia, Pa., banking; Colonel John C. Robinson, Chicago, aviation; A. Philip Randolph, New York City, labor organizing; F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, industrial education; C. A. Scott, Atlanta, Ga., journalism; and William P. Harrison, Chicago, hotel management.

Attorney Reynolds appointed national director of the movement by James E. Scott, Washington, D. C., grand polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi, and has as assitants on his commission G. Smith Hawkins, Chicago, Ill.; H. Stratton Hopson, Columbus, Ohio; James H. Morton, Marshall, Texas; J. ulius Flood, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Malcolm A. Jackson, New York City, N. Y., and Thomas E. Batson, Washington, D. C.

As Phi Beta Sigmas Attended 24th Annual Conclave

This group of nationally known business and professional men and student members of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is part of the throng that attended the 24th annual conclave of the organization at Winston-Salem, N. C., last week. They are pictured before the Carolina Hall (administration building) of the Winston-Salem Teachers' College, headquarters for the confab.

Six Atlantans represented Gate City chapters at the meeting. They were Bros. J. W. E. Linder and R. A. Billings, William Nicks, A. C. Murdaugh, L. M. Durden and Dean E. C. Mitchell. The latter was elected editor of the "Crescent", national publication of the fraternity.

Omegas Hold Annual Conclave In Detroit

CHICAGO--(ANP)— The Omega Psi Phi fraternity closed its 27th annual conclave at the Wabash Avenue branch of the YMCA here Friday following the re-election of its national officers and voting to hold its next conclave in New York City, Dec. 27-30, 1939.

During its four-day meeting, a scholarship program was established providing for the financing of scholarships to be awarded to persons who give promise of making unusual contributions in the fields of the arts, the sciences and letters. The program, recommended by a committee headed by Dr. W. Montague Cobb, of Howard university, created a scholarship commission, the personnel of which is to be appointed by the grand basileus.

Provision for assisting chapters in the securing of fraternity houses as recommended by a committee headed by Asa T. Spaulding, of Durham, N. C., was likewise approved by the body.

The fraternity lauded the work of the NAACP, in its fight to equalize state educational facilities in those states where inequalities exist, and voted a life membership of $500 as an indication of its interest in the NAACP's program.

At a luncheon session held at International house, on the campus of the University of Chicago, Thursday, the conclave heard Roy Wilkins, editor of The Crisis, emphasize the importance of Negroes insisting upon the exercise of absolute democratic principles in order that fascism may not be inspired by this minority.

The social claims of Greek-letter fraternities as a necessity for better cultural living and as a medium through which brotherhood is lifted to a creative level, were urged upon the fraternity members in an address delivered by Dr. William Stuart Nelson, president of Dillard university, New Orleans.

"In the light of anti-democratic attitudes, Greek-letter societies should examine the philosophy on which they are grounded and should seek to justify the existence of their organizations," Dr. Nelson said.

"We have come to the point where we believe in the education of the whole man. As a social being the individual must be schooled into the art of living so that a social sense grounded in reflection might give the proper orientation in life.

"The highest end of education is to make the individual member reflective," Dr. Nelson pointed out.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for 1939:

Albert W. Dent, superintendent of Flint-Goodridge hospital of Dillard university, New Orleans, grand basileus; Paris V. Sterrett, student, Boston university, vice grand basileus; George A. Isabell, U. S. Housing Project manager, Detroit, grand keeper of records and seal; Jesse B. Blayton, banker, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; Frederick S. Weaver, news correspondent, Washington, D. C., editor of the Oracle.

Kappa Alpha Psi Frat Elects New Head: To Meet In San Antonio

DETROIT—The deep South was selected for the first time as the conclave city, at the same time that an Easterner was elected the grand polemarch by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, hich closed its twenty-fifth annual grand chapter meeting here last Friday evening.

James E. Scott, leading realtor of Washington and long prominent in the fraternity, was voted unanimously into the highest office in the organization to succeed Theophilus M. Alexander, attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor in Chicago, who retired after serving three years. San Antonio, Texas, was the city decided upon, after New York and Indianapolis had been also made the bid for the 1939 conclave.

Register protest against the worldwide intolerance and persecution visited upon minority groups, the fraternity affirmed its allegiance to the U. S. Constitution and the American tradition and pledged its support to movements working for full civil rights to all groups everywhere.

To this end it set in motion machinery that shall work in close cooperation with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and help it enlist the strength and sentiment it needs to get a Federal anti-lynching bill through Congress.

The Kappas also appropriated $100 for the work of the N.A.A.C.P., just as it has done at other times in past years, and called upon its campaign to continue supporting the local and national N.A.A.C.P. program in their own ways.

Other Officers Elected

The election of officers came on the last day after an overtime session. The other officers chosen to serve during the coming year are: Benjamin A. Goode, football coach at West Virginia State College and graduate of Michigan State College, senior vice grand polemarch; Arthur Clarke, Topeka, Kansas, junior at Kansas University, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins jr., grand keeper of records and exchequer for the seventeenth consecutive year; Ernest H. Davenport, junior at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., strategus; William J. Prince jr., Chicago, and student at University of Illinois, grand lieutenant strategus; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis school principal and one of Kappa's founders, grand historian.

To the grand board of directors were elected Dr. Gul L. Grant, Indianapolis; Wendell N. Lucas, honor student at Howard University; Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., (re-elected), and A. A. Reid, accountant and instructor at Atlanta University.

During the three years of Attorney Mann, he travelled over 18,000 miles on fraternity business; extended the "Guide Right" movement; established the policy of keeping men in office who serve well regardless of whom first appointed them, and stuck to his idea of having every officer operate within his budget. He also led the fraternity in buying chapter houses in centers where Negroes have had difficulty in finding adequate living quarters.

The last chapter house we bought last June for $9,000 and can house thirty-four men at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

James E. Scott, the new polemarch, is a graduate of Ohio State University and the Howard University Law School, and has been in the real estate business in Washington for fifteen years, carrying on the business started by his father. He is president of the Washington Real Estate Brokers Association, a member of the board of directors of the Washington Negro Chamber of Commerce, and a Mason. He has served the fraternity as polemarch of the Washington Alumni Chapter, senior vice grand polemarch, and a member of the grand board of directors. In addition he has supported the undergraduate Kappa men in Washington in many ways.

Omega Fraters Resent Presence Of White Uninvited Guests At Their 'Closed' Affair At The Grand Terrace

Courier

Report Action Against Owners of Place — If Any Will Be Taken At Next Regular Meeting.

1-7-39 Defender

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 — Chagrined over the fact that Ed Fox, owner of the Grand Terrace Cafe, disregarded their contract with him last week to hold a "closed" affair in his night club last week by allowing several uninvited white couples to come in the place, the local alumni and under-graduate chapters of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity, were said to be contemplating just what legal steps to propose in this regard at their next meeting.

It will be recalled that a similar situation was experienced two years ago by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, whose invitational cabaret was given at the same cafe then located at 40th and South Parkway. Because of these specific instances and also the alleged indifferent attitude expressed by Fox concerning Negro patrons in his place, even though it is located in the heart of the Negro district, has caused him to fall into great disfavor with many of the leading colored social groups, it is said.

Newly Elected Officers of Kappa Alpha Psi

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Newly elected officers of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity are shown in the above picture, taken immediately after the conclave was concluded in Detroit. The new grand polemarch is James E. Scott, Washington, D. C., successful realtor.

Left to right, front row are Arthur Clarke, Kansas University student, junior vice grand polemarch; Benjamin Goode, football coach at West Virginia State College, senior vice grand polemarch; Grand Polemarch Scott; J. Ernest Wilkins, Sr., grand keeper of records and exchequer, elected for the 17th year; Ernest H. Davenport, Morris Brown college student, strategus.

Back row: William J. Prince, Jr., University of Illinois student, lieutenant strategus; Atty. Louie Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., and A. A. Reid, accountant and instructor, Atlanta University, senior members of grand board of directors; Wendell M. Lucas, Howard University student, junior member of board.

Not included in the picture are Elder Diggs, Indianapolis school principal, grand historian; and Dr. Guy L. Grant, Indianapolis, another member of the board of directors. (ANP) Photo by Forbes).

Sigmas Select B. C.; 200 Attend Conclave

By B. T. GILLESPIE
(AFRO Correspondent)

WINSTON-SALEM — Choosing Washington as the 1939 meeting place, the twenty-fourth annual [illegible] of the Phi Beta Sigma conclave came to a close here Friday. The entire staff of national officers save one was re-elected.

More than 200 delegates from chapters the nation over were in attendance.

Public and business sessions were held in Carolina Hall of Winston-Salem Teachers' College, beginning Thursday. Eightyseven chapters were represented, nine of which were organized during the past year.

The general board met Tuesday, after which Mayor W. T. Wilson, city, welcomed delegates. Memorial services followed on Wednesday, at which time eulogies were offered for the late James Weldon Johnson, Prof. E. P. Davis and J. S. Fitts. The speakers were the Rev. Benjamin C. Roberson, pastor of Mother AMEZ Church, New York; Dean George A. Parker of the Robert H. Terrell Law School, Washington, D.C., and Hosea V. Price, local attorney.

Read Colored Papers

James A. (Billboard) Jackson, special representative of the Standard Oil Company, urged his listeners to read some colored papers each week, and find out what national brand of goods are advertised through colored papers.

Mr. Jackson told his audience that products advertised in colored papers are worth while, and the advertisers are usually well disposed toward colored people.

He said that "less than 3 per cent of colored national business is owned by colored people. He spoke on the bigger and better business program over which Russell S. Gideon presided.

Vaughn Elected

B. Franklin Vaughan, New York City, was elected secretary-treasurer when Clarence D. King declined to serve the coming year. No other changes were made among national officers.

The records disclosed that 118 Bigger and Better Business meetings were held during 1938 in 87 cities and 32 States. In 27 cities the fraternity has organized trade associations and has associated with several chambers of commerce.

George W. Lawrence, president, Chicago; Hosea V. Price, vice president, Winston-Salem, N.C.; B. Franklin Vaughn, secretary- treasurer, New York; E. C. Mitchell, editor of The Crescent, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Russell S. Gideon, director of Bigger and Better Business, Boston;

Dean George A. Parker, director of education, Washington, D.C.; James A. Jackson, commercial counsellor, New York; Dr. Felix J. Brown, vice president; Central district, Richmond; Dr. Robert J. Hill, vice president, Eastern district, Baltimore;

A. Leon Bailey, vice president, Northern district, Chicago; Thomas H. McCormick, vice president; Southern district, Tuskegee; Thomas Holley, vice president, Southwestern district; Prairie View, Texas; James Croaker, director of social and civic welfare, Orangeburg, S.C., undergraduate activities.

Jent Again Heads Omegas

CHICAGO, (ANP).—Albert W. [illegible]ent of New Orleans, was re-elected basileus of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the close of the twenty-seventh annual conclave at the Wabash Avenue YMCA last week.

The following other officers were also re-elected:

Paris V. Sterrett, vice- grand basileus; George A. Isabell, grand keeper of records and seal; Jesse B. Blayton, grand keeper of finance; Frederick S. Weaver, editor of the Oracle.

Establish Scholarship

During its four-day meeting, a scholarship program was established providing for the financing of scholarships to be awarded to persons who show promise of making unusual contributions in the fields of the arts, the sciences and letters. The program, recommended by a committee headed by Dr. W. Montague Cobb of Howard University, created a scholarship commission, the personnel of which is to be appointed by the grand basileus.

The fraternity lauded the work of the NAACP, in its fight to equalize State educational facilities in those States where inequalities exist, and voted a life membership of $500 as an indication of its interest in the NAACP's program.

Kappas Pledge Full Support To Lynch Bill

To Aid N.A.A.C.P. Campaign; Eastern Man Grand Polemarc

DETROIT.—The deep South was selected for the first time as the conclave city, at the same time that an Easterner was elected the grand polemarch by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, which closed its twenty-eighth annual Grand Chapter meeting here, last Friday.

James E. Scott, leading realtor, of Washington, and long prominent in the fraternity, was voted unanimously into the highest office in the organization to succeed Theophilus M. Mann, attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor, in Chicago, who retired after serving three years.

San Antonio, Texas was the city decided upon, after New York and Indianapolis had been also made the bid for the 1939 conclave.

Registering protest against the world-wide intolerance and persecution visited upon minority groups, the fraternity affirmed its allegiance to the U. S. Constitution and the American tradition and pledged to support to movements working for full civil rights ato all groups everywhere.

Continues N. A. A. C. P. Support

To this end it set in motion machinery that shall work in close cooperation with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and help it enlist the strength and sentiment it needs to get a Federal anti-lynching bill through Congress.

A telegram was dispatched to President Roosevelt calling on him to include in his coming message to Congress an appeal for an anti-lynching bill and to use his influence to see the bill through.

The Kappas also appropriated $100 for the work of the NAACP, just as it has done at other times in past years, and called upon its chapters to continue supporting the local and national NAACP program in their own ways.

Other Officers Elected

The election of officers came on the last day after an overtime session. The other officers chosen to serve during the coming years are:

Benjamin A. Goode, football coach at West Virginia State College and graduate of Michigan State College, senior vice grand polemarch; Arthur Clarke, Topeka, Kansas, junior at Kansas University, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., grand keeper of records and exchequer for the seventeenth consecutive year; Ernest H. Davenport, junior at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., strategus; William J. Prince, Jr., Chicago, and student at University of Illinois, grand lieutenant strategus; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis school principal and one of Kappa's founders, grand historian.

To the grand board of directors were elected Dr. Gul L. Grant, Indianapolis; Wendell N. Lucas, honor student at Howard University; Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis, Ill. (reelected), and A. A. Reid, accountant and instructor at Atlanta University.

Scholarship Program Launched by Omegas

CHICAGO (ANP)—The Omega Psi Phi fraternity closed its 27th annual conclave at the Wabash Avenue branch of the Y. M. C. A. here Friday following the re-election [illegible] national officers and voting to hold its next conclave in New York City, December 27-30, 1939.

During its four-day meeting, a scholarship program was established providing for the financing of scholarships to be awarded to persons who show promise of making unusual contributions in the fields of the arts, the sciences and letters. The program, recommended by a committee headed by Dr. W. Montague Cobb, of Howard university, created a scholarship commission, the personnel of which is to be appointed by the grand basileus.

Provisions for assisting chapters in the securing of fraternity houses as recommended by a committee headed by Asa T. Spaulding of Durham, N. C., was likewise approved by the body.

The fraternity lauded the work of the NAACP, in its fight to equalize state educational facilities in those states where inequalities exist, and voted a life membership of $500 as an indication of its interest in the NAACP's program.

At a luncheon session held at International house, on the campus of the University of Chicago on Thursday, the conclave heard Roy Wilkins, editor of The Crisis, emphasize the importance of Negroes insisting upon the exercise of absolute democratic principles in order that fascism may not be inspired by this minority.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for 1939:

Albert W. Dent, superintendent of Flint-Goodridge hospital of Dillard university, New Orleans grand basileus; Paris V. Sterrettt, student, Boston university, vice-grand basileus; George A. Isabell, U. S. Housing Project manager, Detroit, grand keeper of records and seal; Jesse B. Blayton, banker, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; Frederick S. Weaver, news correspondent, Washington, D. C., editor of the Oracle.

NEWLY ELECTED KAPPA OFFICERS

New.y elected officers of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity are shown in the above picture, taken immediately after the conclave was concluded in Detroit. The new polemarch is James E. Scott of Washington, D. C., successful realtor.

Left to right, front row, are Arthur Clarke, Kansas University student, junior grand polemarch; Benjamin Goode, football coach at West Virginia State College, senior vice grand polemarch; Grand Polemarch Scott; J. Ernest Wilkins, Sr., grand keeper of records and exchequer, elected for the 17th year; Ernest H. Davenport, Morris Brown College student, strategus.

Back row, William J. Prince, Jr., University of Illinois student, lieutenant stratgus; Atty. Louie Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., and A. A. Reed, accountant and senior members of the grand board of directors; Wendell M. Lucas, Howard University student, junior member of the board.

Not included in the picture are Elder Diggs, Indianapolis school principal, grand historian; and Dr. Guy L. Grant, Indianapolis, another member of the grand board of directors.—(ANP photo by Fobes.)

LIKES DRAMA

PROF. M. B. TOLSON, Professor of English and director of dramatics and debating at Wiley college, Marshall, Tex., who also finds time to be managing editor of The Oracle, organ of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity. Prof. Tolson is a graduate of Lincoln (Pa.) and Columbia, and his writings have appeared in some of the best magazines.

(Calvin Service)

Phi Betas Plan Silver Jubilee

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Plans for the Silver Jubilee of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity on its 25th aniversary were initiated at a meeting here of the national board of the fraternity February 11. The affair will take place here some time in December.

Among the Richmond fraternity members attending this meeting were: [illegible] and P. Edward Giles, Jr., secretaries of the Iota Sigma Chapters; John Foriest president of Lambda Chapter; and Dr. Felix J. Brown, vice president of the central district and a member of the board.

The meeting was attended by founders of the fraternity, national officers, and board members from all sections of the country, including Atty. George W. Lawrence, Chicago; Dean E. C. Mitchell of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; B. Franklin Vaughan and C. P. Johnson, New York; J. A. Croker of State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Drs. Joseph N. Dobson, Ashley O. Thomas, and W. F. Henson, Washington, D. C.; Dean George R. Parker, Terrell Law School Washington, D. C.; Dr. Robert J. Hill, Baltimore, Md.; Russell Gideon, Boston, Mass.; A. Langston Taylor, Washington, D. C.; and Atty. H. V. Price, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Negroes Urged to Combat Fascist Peril At Fraternity Parley

Alpha Phi Alpha Convention Hears of Threat to Democracy; Speakers Call for Negro-White Unity as Civil Rights Bulwark

Obviously perturbed over the recent turn of developments in Europe, delegates attending the public mass meeting of the 33rd convention of Alpha Phi Alpha at City College, Convent Ave. and 139th St., were warned by Dr. Rayford W. Logan, director of education, of the threat of insidious fascist propaganda which is gradually finding its way into America.

Dr. Logan, speaking in the Great Hall and urging the Negro members of Alpha Phi Alpha to concern themselves with the grave problems facing the world, said:

"We're meeting at a time when the lights of peace in Europe are being turned out—perhaps not to be turned on again for a long time if certain men are to have their way about it. In our own country, foreign words are creeping into our minds—Fascism! Anschluss! German-American Bunds!—to take the place of the word DEMOCRACY."

While the organization is concerned primarily with the problems of Negro college graduates, the need of preserving and building a better democracy in America was emphasized by every speaker.

The only discordant note struck at the meeting came from M. S. Savage, president of Clark Uunversity, Atlanta, Ga., who said that Communism and Nazism had kissed each other as a result of the pact of non-aggression between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. Apparently there was little agreement with his mis-statement of the facts for the audience only reacted coolly

URGES UNITY

Unity of Negro and white and trained, intelligent leadership to reach the masses of people was emphasized by Charles H. Wesley, general president of the organization as the first condition of making democracy work for all.

Speaking for Mayor LaGuardia, who sent a wire expressing regret for his inability to be present, Hubert T. Delaney, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, said "the bulwark of democracy is the gaining of one's civil rights. And Mayor LaGuardia has set the pace for all governments who lay claim to democracy, civil rights and human liberty."

Others who welcomed the delegates to New York were—Myles A. Paige of the Magistrates Court of New York, the Rev. William Lloyd Imes and Professor Nelson P. Mead, acting president of City College.

Tuesday's sessions of the convention were devoted to discussions on policies of the organization with respect to housing, health, employment, race relations and peace.

The convention will close tomorrow, Aug. 31, with a banquet at the 137th St. branch of the YWCA.

WESLEY FACES FIGHT

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 24 — A bitter contest is looming in the approaching Alpha Phi Alpha Convention in New York over the presidency of the national body and New Jersey Alpha men are joining a movement to end the continued reign of Dr. Charles A. Wesley, of Washington, as president.

At least there will be a major contest over this office, and Wesley will have other candidates in the field against him.

The situation has been widely discussed among active Alpha men on this side of the river, but the name of no definite opposition candidate has been revealed.

SIGMAS OFFER $150 CASH IN ESSAY CONTEST

To Issue Awards During Silver Jubilee In December

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—James L. Armstrong, director of the Phi Beta Sigma essay contest, this week formerly opened the contest to be held in conjunction with the fraternity's silver jubilee conclave, December 27 and 29 at Howard university. Mr. Armstrong stated that reports from the regional directors indicated that the contest is attracting considerable attention in all sections of the country.

Letters containing the rules and other information have been sent to all county superintendents, high school principals, and senior class presidents throughout the states.

The director further said that inquiries are being received from all sections of the country and that he expected a large number of entrants.

A first prize of $75 will be awarded the best essay. There will be a second prize of $50 and a third prize of $25. Dean George A. Parker, educational director of the fraternity announced 10 additional prizes of $5 each to the next best 10 essays.

This contest is open to all seniors in approved secondary high schools throughout the country. A keen rivalry between students of the north and south will no doubt develop due to the various interpretations of the subject. Several prominent educators and labor leaders among the Race have consented to act as judges of the contest. Prizes will be awarded at the Silver Jubilee conclave.

Omegas Usher In Achievement Week Program

Tracing the history of the "Negro in politics and Government from the landing of the first slaves in America in 1619 to the resignation of Mrs. Crystal Bird Faucet as a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, Masonic Grand Master J. W. Dobbs so enlightened and inspired his audience at Morris Brown College Chapel Sunday afternoon that they applauded him for several minutes at the close.

The occasion was the opening of the Achievement Week program of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity by Eta Omega, graduate chapter. This was one of the finest programs which has been presented in recent

Omega Psi Phi To Broadcast Wednesday

In its annual celebration of the National Negro Achievement week observance the Omega Psi Phi fraternity has for the 1939 theme: 'The Achievements of the Negro in Government and Politics'. The Omicron Phi chapter, of Columbia is scheduled to broadcast over radio station WIS Wednesday, November 15, at 2 p.m. The radio speaker will be Professor Herbert W. Baumgardner, of Allen university. Dr. Ira de A. Reid, of the faculty of Atlanta university is scheduled to appear at a public meeting Sunday afternoon. November 19, at Allen university.

Texas Governor Welcomes Kappas

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) When the members of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity go to San Antonio, Texas, next Christmas, they will know they are welcomed to the state by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, famous for his "Pass the biscuits, Pappy" campaign, who last week invited the Kappas to come "to beautiful Texas," in a letter to James E. Scott, national head of the fraternity, of this city.

Written on the official stationery of the executive mansion and signed in the governor's handwriting, the letter of the governor followed one from the mayor of San Antonio, Maury Maverick, remembered as the most liberal congressman from the south and the only southerner voting for the anti-lynching bill two years ago.

In very cordial language Gov. O'Daniel wrote as follows:

"Dear Mr. Scott:—It has been brought to my attention by Mr. J. W. Holland of San Antonio, that the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity will hold its national convention in San Antonio, Texas, on December 27-30, 1939. I understand this is the first time in the twenty-nine year history of this organization a convention has been held in Texas.

"As Governor of Texas I wish to extend a cordial welcome in behalf of our state to members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity everywhere. It is my sincere wish that you will enjoy your stay in beautiful Texas.

"With every good wish, I am very truly yours, W. Lee O'Daniel, Governor of Texas."

Dr. Mercer Cook To Speak Today To Montgom'y Omegas

Atlanta, Ga.
Daily World 11-19-39

MONTGOMERY, Ala.— (SNS)- The local chapters of Omega Ps Phi will present Sunday afternoon November 19 on the campus of th State Teachers College as the clos ng feature of the annual observ ance of Negro Achievement Week

The officers of the graduate chap er are as follows: Professor J. T. Brooks, registrar State Teachers College, basileus; Professor R. B Stewart, English professor State Teachers College, vice basileus; Professor J. H. Gilchrist, director of extension State Teachers College, keeper of finances; Professor H. Lewis Van Dyke, head science department State Teachers College keeper of records and seals; Professor J. T. Alexander, Montgomery County Farm Demonstration agent, chaplain, and Professor E. J O'Neal, principal of Montgomery County Training School, chapter editor.

Columbia, S. C. Record
November 14, 1939

Omega Fraternity Observes Negro Achievemnt Week

Omega fraternity is observing this week as national negro achievement week.

The Nu Sigma chapter of the fraternity at Allen university is sponsoring a talk Wednesday morning at the university's chapel hour by John F. Potts, principal at Waverley school, on achievements by negroes.

Wednesday afternoon, Prof. H. W. Baumgardner of the university faculty will speak over radio station WIS at 2 o'clock.

Culminating program of the week will be held Sunday at the university auditorium at 4 o'clock, when Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, professor of sociology at Atlanta university, will talk on the negro in government and politics.

Omegas Hold "Achievement Week" Program

Dec 12-3-39
Chicago, Ill.

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 30—(ANP)—A special showing at a local theatre of the screen play "Way Down South," written by Langston Hughes and Clarence Muse was the highlight of the National Negro Achievement Week program, Nov. 12 to 18, sponsored here by Upsilon Alpha, youngest chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. After the film presentation, Raymond G. Robinson, ex-grand basileus, spoke on the life of Hughes, famed poet and author, and an Omega frater.

The week-long celebration began with a public meeting on Nov. 12, with 500 persons present. speakers included Thomas L. Husselton, executive secretary, Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce and J. Leroy Jordan, Elizabeth, N. J. On Thursday night, at the local PTA meeting. Nelson H. Nichols, Jr., addressed the group.

The celebration came to a close with two student assembly meetings: one at Indiana Avenue school, with Ligon M. Wright and Milton R. Palmer as speakers the other at New Jersey Avenue school, James A. Overby and B. Napoleon Gupton, speakers.

Officers of Upsilon Alpha chapter are: Lloyd M. Wright, basileus; James A. Overby, vice basileus; Walter I. Johnson, Jr., keeper of records and seals; Milton R. Palmer, keeper of finance; B. Napoleon Gupton, keeper of peace; Harry W. Scott, chapter editor and Raymond G. Robinson, chaplain.

PROF. H. W. BAUMGARDNER

Because of the great interest in the radio address of Professor Herbert W Baumgardner, head of the department of psychology at Allen university, over radio station WIS last wednesday in connection with the Omega Psi Phi's National Negro Achievement Week observance, and the many requests made of him for the opportunity to read the manuscript the Palmetto Leader is reproducing the full text of the address as delivered by Professor Baumgardner.

SECRET SOCIETIES- 1939
SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

Supreme Court Of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Plans Conclave Here

Members of the Supreme Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, are shown as they mapped plans for the meeting to be held in New York City for the 28th Annual Conclave December 27—30. They are left to right: Frederick S. Weaver, editor-in-chief, The Oracle, Washington, D. C.; Jesse B. Blayton, grand keeper of finances, Atlanta, Ga.; George A. Isabell, 138 Cadillac square, Detroit, Mich.; P. Vaughn Stewart, vice grand basileus New Bedford, Mass.; Albert W. Dent, grand basileus, New Orleans, La.

when some 50 delegates will meet here in the 29th annual grand chapter of the organization.

The session will open on December 27 and continue to the 30, and, although the order is to "go easy" on the social affairs, the arrangements committee is having a difficult time keeping the locals from planning too many parties of one kind and another. There will be no social affair during any of the business hours, however.

Extends Official Welcome

In extending the official welcome of the city Mayor Maverick wrote to James E. Scott, Washington, national head of the Kappas:

"As mayor of San Antonio I want to take this means of thanking you for bringing your national convention to San Antonio . . . "Myself and the commissioners will co-operate in every manner to make your visit with us a success and we hope it will remain a pleasant memory."

Noted for his liberalism, Mayor Maverick, former congressman is expected to speak at one of the meetings of the fraternity.

While delegates will move in from all directions, the main group of visitors will travel on the "Kappa Special" over the Missouri Pacific from St. Louis. Nearly 20 people will come by this route, leaving St. Louis next Tuesday afternoon and arriving here about 24 hours later. On this train will be grand board of directors.

In Radio Address

Even though the fraters will not be molested (?) with social activities during Thursday they nevertheless will be kept on the run. After the morning business session is over, the grand polemarch is scheduled to deliver a radio address and immediately following he will lay a wreath with appropriate ceremony at the "shrine of Texas liberty"—the Almo.

This event will indeed make history, for in all the years that the Alamo has stood as a monument to heroic sacrifice by those who sought liberty and freedom from oppression, never before has any group of Afro-Americans paid tribute to the men who gave their lives for the cause of Texas liberation from the tyranny of a despotic Mexican rule. And in trying days of the Texas revolution may well be noted that in the there services rendered by Negroes was invaluable.

When the Alamo fell there were black hands within the walls of the doomed fort to protect its falling. A Negro woman nursed the "Babe of the Alamo"—a child who was spared by the Mexican general, Santa Anna. Col. William B. Travis, the leader of the brave band that defended the fort, had his Negro man-servant at his side. There were others there, too, but history, as we know it, fails to give account of them.

Friday will bring more business with no interference for the menfolk but the ladies will have to don afternoon frocks and attend a reception given by the Silhouettes—women's auxiliary of the Kappas. Friday night will witness the annual Kappa closed prom, and this promises to be.

By special dispensation this 1939 affair will be semi-formal and the life of the Southwest will be depicted. The ballroom will be replica of a Texas ranch. Each visiting senor will be "de-coated" by smiling senoritas as he enters the ranch and a sombrero placed upon his head, and cowboy neckerchief tied around his neck. Each Kappaman has been asked to bring a gay colored shirt and wear it to the prom.

Negro Population 20,000

There are approximately 20,000 Negroes in San Antonio, the majority of the families living in their own homes. Nearly two score churches of all denominations, some of them imposing structures, serve the religious life of the citizens.

Three elementary schools, two junior high schools and one senior high school (Phyllis Wheatley where the sessions of the convention will be held), serve some 3,500 children in the public schools, while two parochial schools care for 500 more.

The library-auditorium, a city owned building, houses the George Washington Carver branch library and the auditorium section of the same building seats 1,150 persons and is the center of social and cultural life of the populace. Kappa's open dance and the closed prom will be in this building. Larger gatherings and functions are held in the main municipal auditorium of which it is a part. It is because slavery never existed in San Antonio or its surrounding country; whatever it is, there is a spirit which makes all who come here to insist that "San Antonio is tops."

Because of the splendid racial relations, the city of San Antonio has always enjoyed the reputation of being the "best town in Texas" and the only town in the South in which to live. Perhaps

Phi Beta Sigmas Elect Officers

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity held its monthly meeting at the home of Bro. Wirt D. Walton, 1236W Aldine avenue Dec. 15. The president, Dr. W. S. Gibson presided. Among those present were Drs. J. A. Williams, J. T. Edwards, J. T. Aldrich, G. W. Holt, W. W. Yerby, W. A. Younge, W. D. Walton, Bros. J. H. Harrison, Fred A. Jones and J. L. Russell.

Mr. Walton and Dr. Gibson were hosts of the eve. After the business session in refreshing midnight supper was served. The members elected for the ensuing year are: Zaid Lenoir, president; J. H. Harrison, vice-president; J. A. Russell, secretary; Dr. J. T. Aldrich, business manager; Dr. J. T. Edwards, chaplain and Dr. J. A. Williams, sergeant-at-arms.

Great things are expected of the fraternity during 1940, as president Lenoir is a very active citizen . He is president of the Interfraternal Council, Supt. of 1st Baptist Sunday School, President of the Teachers' Credit Union and a member of the Church Federation of St. Louis. The members of the fraternity are jubilant of the selection of this human dynamo as their leader. Brother Russell was again elected secretary for the third consecutive year. He is well known in this city as he is State Supt. of the local NYA.

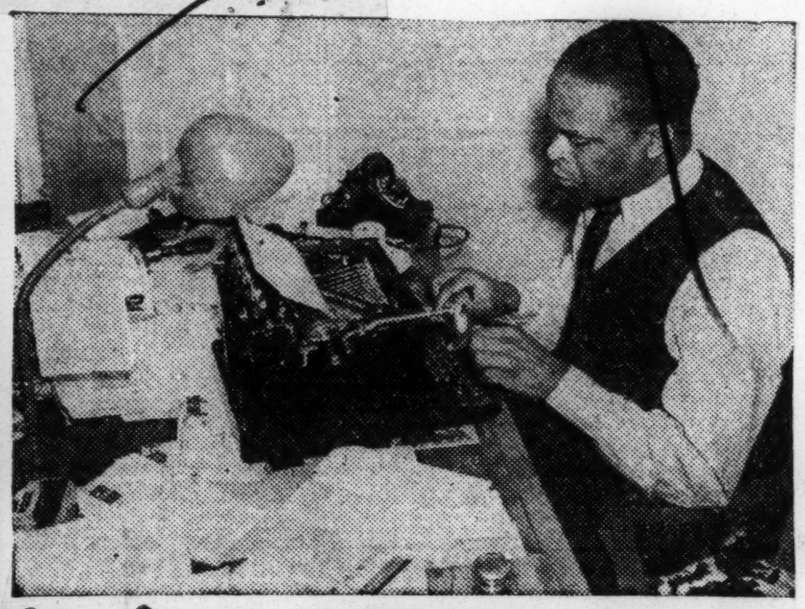
MAYOR BACKS KAPPA MEET IN SAN ANTONIO

3-Day Sessions Begin Dec. 27

By J. WELLINGTON HOLLAND

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 21 — (ANP)—With Mayor Maury Maverick and his commissioners "cooperating in every manner, the people of this city are excitedly awaiting the coming of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity next week

Praised by President



G. JAMES FLEMING

Editor-in-chief of the Kappa Journal, official organ of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, who received a letter of congratulation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the recent 25th anniversary of the Journal. Mr. Fleming, one of the best trained "working journalists" in the race, is pictured above "in action." He took a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin, where he also established a record as an orator. He was trained at Hampton, where he also established a record as an orator. He was trained at Hampton Institute before going West. Mr. Fleming now lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where he has headquarters at 1504 Catherine street.

'NEGRO IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT' IS UP FOR DISCUSSION

Committee Meeting in New York Also Hears Reports on Housing and Scholarship ; To Make $500 Award

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—The supreme council of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, meeting in New York city, August 17-18, approved as the subject for discussion during National Negro Achievement week, "The Negro in Government and Politics."

"The Achievement week will usher in 12 months of bitter struggle not for mere party supremacy in November, 1940, but between radically different political ideologies to determine the future basic principles of our government. It would be a great service to our nation for Omega to call its attention this fall to the part which Negroes have fallen in government and politics from Prince Hall to our present leaders," said Major Campbell C. Johnson, project director, in making the recommendation of his committee.

Plans were approved for the most elaborate observance of achievement week in its history, inaugurating the establishment of an annual award to be made to some individual who has made an outstanding contribution to this country. The first award will be made at the New York conclave which meets in December.

Scholarship $500

In addition to hearing and acting upon reports from the achievement committee, the council also heard reports from its housin and scholarship commissions. A scholarship of $500 is to be awarded for the first of September to some person selected from a group of applications made to the scholarship commission chairmaned by Dr. W. Montague Cobb of Howard university. The award will also be an annual event.

A review of the manuscript for publication of the History of Omega was also made by the council, and instructions given to Herman Dreer, historian, to secure bids for its publication.

Plans for the New York conclave were presented, by Connie W. Jenkins, grand marshall, and approved by the council. Highlight of the conclave will be a luncheon session at the International house Columbia university, at which the recipient of the achievement award will be heard after presentation of the award. The program is to be broadcast over a national radio hook-up.

Present at the meeting were Albert W. Dent, grand basileus, New Orleans; P. Vaughn Sterrett, vice grand basileus, New Bedford, Mass.; George A. Isabell, grand keeper of records and seal, Detroit; Jesse B. Blayton, grand keeper of finances, Atlanta; and Frederick S. Weaver, editor of the Oracle, Washington.

Also present were Connie W. Jenkins, grand marshall; Mifflin T. Gibbs, basileus Epsilon chapter, Atty. Richard Carey, Irving Selden, all of New York city; Dr. W. Montague Cobb, chairman scholarship commission; Major Campbell Johnson, director achievement project; Lieut. Lawrence A Oxley, former grand basileus, all of Washington, D. C.; S. Herman Dreer, historian, St. Louis; Dr. Samuel Nabritt, Atlanta, and the following district representatives, S. Herbert Adams, Charlotte, N. C.; Alphonzo H. Lyons, Washingon; C. E. Mitchell, Institute, W. Va., and Ellis F. Corbett, Norfolk.

Following the meeting of the council, its members were guests of Epsilon chapter on its annual Show Boat, which sailed the Hudson on August 18, with more than 3,000 members of Omega and friends on board.

Visitors were present from 32 states and enjoyed an evening of entertainment which starred the Epsilon Chapter Glee club under direction of William Lawrence, former accompanist for Roland Hayes; Eddie Green, internationally known comedian; Lola Hayes, guest soloist, and other stars that made the show the most successful in its history.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA CHARTS PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC AID

Dr. Charles Wesley Is Re-elected Head of Fraternity Body

NEW YORK. — The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity meeting here, August 31, voted $1000 for the formulation and development of a new economic program designed to organize consumer-power and to seek jobs for Negroes in business and industry under the direction of a specially appointed committee.

The fraternity which comprises 120 chapters also voted to place funds in colored banks throughout the country.

The sessions began on August 28 at the College of the City of New York. Among the speakers at the various sessions were Vertner W. Tandy, one of the founders of the fraternity; Dr. Nelson P. Mead, member of the faculty, New York City College; Hubert T. Delaney, tax commissioner for Manhattan; Magistrate Myles A. Paigem, and Dr. M. S. Davage, president, Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., convention address.

The banquet address was given by the Rev. Marshall Shepard, member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the graduate school at Howard University, was re-elected president. Belford V. Lawson, Jr., was elected general secretary. Rayford W. Logan was re-elected director of education. Edward Brooke, a junior at Howard University, was elected a member of the executive counsel.

The convention will meet in Kansas City, Mo., in December.

PHI BETA SIGMA TO HOLD SILVER JUBILEE CONCLAVE

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will celebrate its silver jubilee anniversary here during the Christmas holidays, beginning with registration on December 26.

Other activities for that day include a reception given by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at 2801 Eleventh Street, Northwest.

The following day, the conclave will be officially opened by A. Langston Taylor, ending with a mass meeting at Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, at night.

On December 28, Dr. A. Alfred Watts will speak on "Contribution of the Educated Negro to American Civilization."

To Hold Founders' Dinner

A founders' dinner will be held at Sojourner Truth Hall, Howard University, beginning at 8 o'clock.

On December 29, committee reports and election of officers will be held. James A. Jackson will talk on business. A fraternity smoker at the Whitelaw Hotel will wind up events for that day.

The conclave will come to a close Saturday, December 30, with a sightseeing tour in the morning, followed by a distinguished service chapter dinner at 6 o'clock; a cocktail at the residence of Dr. W. A. Goodloe, 1836 S Street, Northwest, from 9 until 11 o'clock. From 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., the fraternity dance will be staged at the Lincoln Colonnade.

Large Crowd Hears Judge William Hastie

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(SNS)—A capacity crowd, largest to attend a Greek-letter-sponsored program in the city of Memphis, heard Judge William H. Hastie, Dean of the College of Law, Howard University, in an address climaxing the Omega Achievement Award Week Observance Sunday afternoon of this week at Centenary Methodist Church. Every one of the 800 seats in the main auditorium of the church was taken before the opening of the program, and several hundred more persons filled the balcony.

Dean Hastie, who until this past summer, was judge of the Virgins Islands, U.S.A., interpreted the observance of National Negro Achievement Week by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as one of the methods by which stereotyped racial concepts can be broken down and a broader, more liberal viewpoint of the Negro is effected.

Following his address the 5th Omega Achievement Award was presented to C. A. Beauchamp, Boy Scout Executive, and president of the Negro Chamber of Commerce, as the most outstanding race citizen of Memphis during the current year. In announcing Mr. Beauchamp as the 1939 Omega Award recipient, Rev. S. A. Owen, speaking on behalf of the Award Committee, pointed out his fine record in the development of character among the Negro youths of the city, his unselfish service in the interest of Negro business, and the fact that he had been named as a member of the Americanization Committee, the only Negro to serve on this committee.

The award was presented by Prof. Julian Bell, Basileus of Epsilon Phi Chapter of the fraternity. In presenting the award to Mr Beauchamp, the Basileus commended the committee for its selection and added that he hoped the award would give some measure of encouragement and incentive to render a greater service in the future. Mr. Beauchamp stated in his acceptance remarks that the gift meant to him all that it implied in the way of inspiration, and that he would continue with increased effort in the cause of racial advancement.

In his opening remarks, Dean Hastie expressed delight to be back to Tennessee, state of his boyhood days. He showed no flare for oratory, but spoke with ease and informality. His youthful appearance was in contrast to the usual personality filling such positions as a judgeship, or that of Dean of a college of Law, but his stage decorum was at once indicative of a man seasoned with the experience of public affairs.

The speaker briefly outlined the growing significance of propaganda as a mean of swaying public opinion; even to the extent that nations of the world have set up cabinets which serve primarily the purpose of disseminating information of this nature. He ponted out, however, that propaganda of an adverse nature had been used for years to create in America and the world at large impressions that the Negro was an inferior being, not capable of comprehending or making mental adjustments to problems on a basis comparable to that of the white man.

Fortunately, however, there has grown up in recent years a large body of literature which has tended to explode these myths. Yet this information will not be effective until the Negro himself utilize more fully every means at his disposal to disseminate such information to individuals who bear false concepts about the race.

Judge Hastie said that such institutions and media as the church school, the Negro press, radio, and movies must be engaged to a greater extent in passing on the majority group information that presents the right impression of the race.

Following his address 20 minutes were given over for an open forum at which time a series of questions was asked and answered. The distinguished speaker was introduced to the audience by Dr. Julian Kelso, vice-Basileus of Epsilon Phi Chapter.

Other numbers on program included a Lento, by Cyril Scott; Prelude, John Byas; Invocation, Rev. D. F. Martinez; Remarks, A. A. Branch, who presented previous Omega Award winners; Solo, by William T. Knight and Fraternity-Sorority Medley, by Mr. Byas.

Phi Beta Sigma D.C. Conclave Is Jubilee Year

WASHINGTON

The twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will feature the conclave held in Washington, December 26 to 30, according to the office of the twenty-fifth anniversary committee, 1960 Second Street, Northwest, Washington.

Speakers will be: Dr. Alain LeRoy Locke, Attorney George W. Lawrence, Dr. William Sherman Savage, Dr. Ashley O Thomas, Dr. Robert J. Hill. Dean George A. Parker of Terrell Law School, and Rev. Dr. A. A. Watts of Chicago.

Founder Speaks

Attorney A. Langston Taylor, founder of the fraternity, will open the convention and make the keynote speech. The conclave will review the colored man in business with the idea of charting a program for the small businessman.

Among social affairs on the conclave program will be a buffet supper by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; a cocktail party by Dr. W. A. Goodloe; a dinner, Distinguished Service Chapter; the Founder's Dinner; a breakfast party by Dr. B. H. Early; and the Silver Ball.

Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University, January 9, 1914, by A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse and Charles I. Brown. Today it has an enrolment of seventy-five chapters and four thousand members.

Members Are Leaders

In Sigma's "Who's Who" are found the names of Dr. Alaine LeRoy Locke, L. M. Hershaw, Dr. Thomas W. Turner, Dr. Robert R. Moten, Dr. George W. Carver, Dr. W. Sherman Savage, Dr. Monroe W. Work, Albon L. Holsey, James A. Jackson, Clarence Muse, Bishop C. L. Russell, A. A. Austin, Bishop J. W. Brown, Dr. J. O. Plummer, Warren Logan, and Bishop W. J. Walls.

BOSTON SIGMA DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

Russell S. Gideon, National Director of Bigger and Better Business for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, leaves for Washington Monday, December 25, where he will deliver the main address at the Business Forum conducted by the Fraternity on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee Conclave.

Mr. Gideon has just completed his second consecutive year as head of the business department of the Phi Beta Sigmas and great strides have been made under his administration.

Besides his work at Kayes' Pharmacy, Mr. Gideon manages to find time to devote to the many civic interests of Greater Boston. Prominent among these are the Trade Association and the Boston Progressive Credit Union as well as the Mark Brotherhood. Holding offices in each of these bodies Mr. Gideon shows great promise as one of our most progressive young business men.

Enroute to Washington Mr. Gideon will be the guest of James A. Billboard Jackson, while in New York City.

Negro Judge Streses Unity With Masses

Hastie Tells Omega Psi Phi All Strata of Race Must Unite

Delegates to the 28th annual convention of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, an organization of Negro college students, meeting yesterday at the 135th St. branch YMCA, heard a lively discussion on relations of the middle class to labor.

Dean William Hastie of Howard University, and formerly United States judge in the Virgin Islands stressed the fact that members of the organization seeking social exclusiveness from the masses should make up their minds at once and for all; if they claim interest in the problems of the masses, he said they should unmistakably join up with them.

More than a declaration of sympathy with the social problems affecting the masses of people, is needed, he said.

The convention will continue through Saturday when final reports will be made and new officers elected.

Resolutions will be presented today for discussion and adoption aftr which a number of visitors and guests will be introduced.

Phi Beta Sigma Essay Contest Comes To End

Prize Awards To Be Made At Annual Conclave

WASHINGTON, D. C.—James L. Armstrong, director of the Phi Beta Sigma's nationwide essay contest, has announced that the contest's close. The subject, "How can the Economic Status of the Negro be Improved," met with widespread interest among senior high school students. It began November 1 and lasted through November 30.

The entrant having the best essay will receive a tuition scholarship of $75. A second prize of $50 and a third of $25 are also to be awarded. In addition, ten prizes of $5 will go to the writers of the next ten best essays.

CONCLAVE DEC. 27-30

Prizes will be awarded at the silver jubilee conclave of Phi Beta Sigma at Howard University, December 27-30.

Judges of the contest are Dr. J. L. S. Holloman, chairman; Dr. Alain LeRoy Locke, Miss Elsie Austin, Dr. Frank S. Horne, Dr. John Lavalle, James A. Atkins, R. O'Hara Lanier, Dr. Eva B. Dykes, Mrs. Blanche B. Clark, and Prof. Jesse W. Lewis. All are located in Washington.

Finer Womanhood Week Observance To Begin Sunday

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Featuring a number of interesting activties during the ensuing week, local chapters of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority will begin their annual observance of Finer Womanhood Week by worshipping at the historic Allen Temple A. M. E. Church on Clarke Street, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Rev. W. R. Wilkes, pastor, will preach a special sermon to the vast audience which is expected. His subject will be in keeping with the observance of the large number of Greek letter women, who will be special guests at the morning service.

Other activites will consist of lectures on phases of "Finer Womanhood" at the colleges, high schools and numerous organizations, which will assemble at intervals during the week.

The local chapters are Epsilon Zeta, Psi and Beta.

Starred Project

Atlanta World

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Miss Ida L. Jackson of Oakland, Cal., former grand basileus of the AKA sorority, is credited with being the originator of the famous Mississippi Health Project, conducted annually by the group. She has served as dean of women at Tuskegee Institute. (ANP photo).

LINCOLN U. (MO.) GIRLS SHARE WITH SHARECROPPERS

Courier Pittsburgh Pa.
6-1-39
Knoxville Tenn.

These members of the Alpha Iota Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at Lincoln University (Mo.) called off their annual spring dance last week and turned over their special dance assessment funds, amounting to $150 to the southeastern Missouri sharecroppers, whose courageous roadside migration a few months ago drew nationwide attention. After an intense and successful ten-day campus drive for old clothes, food and money for the forgotten, but suffering 'croppers, some of these girls hopped into two cars last Friday and motored 300 miles to Charleston, Mo., to deliver personally the supplies. They plan to make other shipments soon and possibly to maintain an active interest in the unfortunate folk until their conditions are definitely changed for the better.

Reading from left to right (seated) Genevieve Powe, Alma Williams, Vivienne Crabbe, Evelyn Sublette, Eugenia Harding, Sarah Agnew, Anna Morrison, Tennie Officer, Sara Goble, Constance Simms—Anti-Basileus, Dorothy Green, Annie Harris, (standing) Ophelia Marsh, Jean Thomas, Dorothy Owens, Frances Mitchell, Jesuita Hughes Eunice Merriweather,, Dorothy Meek, Guinevere Guy, Gertrude Whitley—Basileus, Marjorie White, Henrietta Brusco, Adele, James, Basileus Elect, Ruth Page, Elsie Lawton, Florence Brown, and Derotha Fields.

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Negro Sororities Further Cause Of Race At School

Psi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority was founded at the University of Kansas in June 1925. This newly organized chapter was composed of 14 members. At present, the chapter has 18 active members and 10 pledges.

This sorority has promoted several projects in the interest of Negroes at the University of Kansas. Each year old books are collected, rebound by the members and pledges, and sent to rural libraries for the Negroes of the South. An activity and scholarship ring is presented annually to the pledge with the best scholastic record and who takes part in the most activities of the University.

The sorority has sponsored a club for Negro girls of junior high school age in Lawrence. This club, a combination of social and vocational guidance, was formed to urge girls to seek higher education and enter those vocations in which they show a special aptitude.

The annual social affairs of Delta Sigma Theta sorority consist of: a mixer for all Negro students at the beginning of each school year; a Christmas dinner-dance; and a senior breakfast.

Some of the outstanding members of Psi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta are: Esther Davis, supervisor of Harlem Social Welfare association, and Oreta Adams, director of Art at Tuskegee Institute.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY TO HOLD 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24—(ANP)—The Sixth Annual Convention of Iota Lambda sorority will be held August 26-29, on the campus of Howard University. This is the 10th year of the sorority's organization, and it is expected that many of the addresses during sessions will be centered around an anniversary theme. The business sessions are to be held in the lecture room of the New Founders Library.

On Sunday, August 27th, the educational meeting will be held in the Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel when persons prominent in educational and civic circles will appear on program.

Mrs. Velma Williams, member of the board of education, will preside at this session; Prof. Charles M. Thomas, well known educator of Washington, will deliver the main address, and the response to the addresses of welcome will be made by the national president of Iota Phi Lambda, Mrs. Lola M. Parker of Chicago.

An elaborate social program, including formal dances, cocktail parties, reception and a sight-seeing tour of Washington and nearby Mt. Vernon and Arlington will be tendered the visiting sorors and delegates by chapters of various Greek letter organizations.

Officers of Gamma, the entertaining chapter, are Marguerite E. Harvey, president; Jane Bosfield, vice president; Louise Jenkins and Sarah Plater, secretaries; Lottie Harrison, journalist; Vivian Brown dean of pledges; Emmie Floyd, recording secretary, and Elsie Lewis treasurer.

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SCHOOL SORORITIES

DELTAS AWARD $1,000 CHECK IN FAVOR OF DOROTHY MAYNOR

Courier 4-9-39 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Members of 700 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, national sorority, hold a meeting at the New York World Fair. Mrs. Florence Bohanan, New York City, the grand chaplain, is shown presenting a check for $1,000 to Miss Jean Coston, Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Coston accepted for Dorothy Maynor, who won this scholarship for her research work on Negro music. Others in the photograph are, left to right: Mrs. Catherine T. Alexander, convention chairman: Mrs. Florence Cole-Talbot, Miss Coston and Attorney Elsie Austin.

AKA FELLOW

MISS ELLIE ALMA WALLS, head of the department of sociology of Houston college, who was awarded the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority foreign fellowship at the recent boule held in Detroit. The award is given on the basis of advanced degrees attained, scholarship, community service in civic, social and religious activities, and outstanding achievement in the applicant's field. In addition to scholastic attainments, Miss Walls had the endorsement of outstanding Negro organizations in her state. (ANP)

Finer Womanhood Week Is Observed By Zetas

ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS)— The last week in February marked a full week for Zetas all over the country with the Sorors observing Finer Womanhood. Some chapters presented speakers and other specialists.

A few of the many programs follows: OMEGA ZETA CHAPTER, Roanoke, Va.—Sunday: Vesper and Memorial Service at YWCA; Monday: Program at Harrison Elementary School; Tuesday: Theatre Party; Wednesday: Washington Tea; Thursday: Program at Addison High School; Friday: Program at Gainsboro and Gilmer Public School, Card Party; Saturday: Pledge Service; Sunday: Worship Service at Mt. Zion AME Church.

GAMMA CHAPTER, of Morgan College: — Sunday: A Tea given by Alpha Zeta chapter; Monday: Devotionals at Morgan College; Tuesday: Re-pledge Service at Morgan College; Friday: Zeta Party (Closed); Saturday: Joint meeting of Alpha Zeta and Gamma; Sunday: Musical by Gamma.

PI CHAPTER, Tulsa, Oklahoma—Monday: Charm school conducted for the purpose of developing graceful and pleasing personality; Wednesday: Marionette show at community center for children; Thursday: Lecture to high school girls on the "Qualities of Finer Womanhood"; Friday: Presentation of Violette Anderson Award for meritorious service in community work; Saturday: Galloping breakfast (Each soror invited one guest); Sunday: Worship at Vernon AME (Sermon by Rev. W. A. Jennings, husband of Soror Mary L. Jennings.)

OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER, Raleigh, N. C. — Sunday: Church Service in Group, Episcopal, Rev. Geo. Fisher and Zeta Catechism and Pledge Service; Monday: Finer Womanhood Talks to High School Assembly; Thursday: Radio Program, WPTF; Friday: Distribution of Information in "Women's Achievements" to High School girls; Saturday: Formal Closed Dinner at Arcade Hotel; Sunday: Public Program, Shaw U. Vesper Hour—Blue and White Tea at Estey Reception Room, Shaw University.

ALPHA CHAPTER of Howard University — Sunday: Zeta's worship at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard U.; Friday: Zeta and Sigma Program; Saturday: Chapter Pledge Service, Freshmen Game Party at Crandall Hall.

C. M. E. CHURCH IN CHICAGO COOPERATES WITH ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY IN CELEBRATING THEIR NATIONAL FINER WOMANHOOD WEEK.

The Reverend W. L. Liddell of St. Paul C. M. E. Church, Chicago, gave a most scholarly sermon on "Finer Womanhood" as a solution to our problem. Excerpts from his sermon follow:

"The Home is the greatest institution influencing and shaping the beginning of child life. The American home should not be drudgery, but a palace over which the greatest queen of time (the mother) rules."

The Reverend Mr. Liddell took again the unpopular side against woman suffrage. The same stand he took in his college debate twenty years ago, prior.

"When women earn as much as their men folk, enter the same fields, especially in politics, they lose the beautiful Christlike spirit of tolerance, patience, forbearance! Divorce become frequent issues, homelife broken, crime runs rampant, woman's great mission of reproduction diminishes. There is no finer woman than a real trained, educated Christian mother. If the mother teaches and trains the child in the home, the churches, schools, and other units of society have something upon which to build."

Reverend Liddell sounded a great challenge to college women and Greek-letter women of our nation. We must do our share to bring the world to the realization of true women and beautiful homelife.

The history of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was given by Soror Marie Copeland, widow of the late Dr. Copeland of the C. M. E. Church. The Basileus, Martha M. Parks, praised the untiring work of Mrs. D. G. Malone, wife of a prominent layman of the C. M. E. Convention.

Brother D. G. Malone donated his time and finance to the activities of Finer Womanhood week, especially the essay contest. This contest included seven high school girls of superior rating from Chicago high schools teaching Negro girls. The subject, "The Negro Woman's Contribution to Civilization," was well presented with high lights and contributions from our Negro women in art, science, medicine, music, religion, and education, among whom Methodist women were outstanding.

Let us all adopt the principles of advance and uplift which finer womanhood carries.

ARAH H. MALONE

"Finer Womanhood" Day Observed By Forum

The history of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was reviewed last Sunday evening at the Young People's Forum held at the Reeve Memorial Presbyterian Church, 50th and Aspen streets, by Mrs. Arizona Stimmons, on the "Finer Womanhood" program. Mrs. Inez Richie, basileus, presided. Mrs. Lela Walker Jones was the principal speaker.

Other participants were: Lee Roberson, baritone, soloist, and Joseph Faison, vice president of the church's coeducational club.

Basileus Attends Sessions

Next Regional To Be Held At Jackson, Tenn.

Sigma Gamma Rho sorority which terminated an inspiring two-day regional conference Saturday at Atlanta university voted to hold the next regional meeting in Jackson, Tenn.

Business activities of the next conference will be held in Lane college, with Nu Sigma, graduate chapter, and Alpha Gamma, undergraduate chapter, as sponsors.

The sorors re-elected Treopia Gravelly, of Little Rock, Ark., regional secretary, and Ernestine Steele, regional director. Other national officers attending the regional conference were Marjorie Hammond, assistant secretary, of Houston, Texas; Elizabeth E. Lemon, first anti-grand basileus, and Bertha Mae Black, of St Louis grand basileus.

THREE ATLANTA CHAPTERS

Business sessions held Friday and Saturday at Atlanta university were presided over by Soror Ernestine Steele. Atlanta chapters serving as hostesses were Eta Sigma, Alpha Nu, and Gamma.

One of the high points of the conference was the panel discussion, presided over by John Long. The discussion of "Advantages and Disadvantages of the NYA" drew wide comment from the audience.

Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta entertained the delegates Friday evening with a reception in the exhibition room of the Atlanta uni-

versity library. This social courtesy was terminated by the presentation of a token to Grand Basileus Bertha Black.

GUESTS AT DANCE

Iota Phi Lambda sorority welcomed Sigma Gamma Rho sorors to its spring dance held Friday night at the Top Hat ballroom.

Following a business session Saturday morning, the sorors were entertained by a group of children, directed by Miss Mayson, Booker T. Washington high school instructor. After luncheon in the A. U. dining hall, the delegates were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city.

It was estimated that 30 sorors, representing 15 chapters, attended the conference.

Nashville Chapter To Zeta Phi Beta R

"The Problems and Growth of the Southeastern Region" is the theme of the annual three-day regional meeting of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, which will be held in Nashville, Tenn., beginning today, with the local chapter at the State college as hostess.

According to plans for the chapter, advised by Soror Marie Brooks-Strange, the sessions will feature three important and forceful speakers, Grand Basileus Nellie B. Rogers of Indianapolis, Ind.; Joanna Houston Ransome of Wilberforce, Ohio; and Fannie C. Clay of Knoxville, Tenn.

Registration will consume the major part of the afternoon today for the nine chapters in the region. The first business session will be held tomorrow morning at the college, where chapters from Florida, Georgia and Tennessee are expected to be represented by a large delegation.

New Sorority Set Up At Howard University

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Soror Rubye G. Peake, grand syntakses af Sigma Gamma Rho, set up Alpha Phi Chapter at Howard University on April 22. She was assisted by Edna F. Brown, basileus of Kappa Sigma, New York, and Sorors Beulah Palmer, Mercedes Gilbert, Edna Holland, Alma Cooper and Francis Bullock.

Those initiated were: Bernice Norwood, Christine Hawkins, Helen Platter, Georgia Morris, Helen Biscoe, Dorothy Jackson, Mary Borican, Gennie Young, Thelma Mickens. Bernice Norwood was elected basileus and Mary Borican, anti-basileus.

On Thursday, April 27, the probationers were entertained at luncheon in Frazier Hall by Soror Nettie Broker, educational adviser at Howard.

Four chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho were represented at the initiation. Sorors from Zeta Sigma, Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma and Alpha Phi later spent the weekend in a round of social events.

Following initiation the sorors with their escorts enjoyed bridge and dancing at the home of Soror Dorothy Ballard who entertained with a breakfast on Saturday for the visiting sorors and their hostesses. The hostesses dined with their guests at the Hollywood Inn in Maryland, Saturday afternoon.

A reception was held at the YWCA in honor of the grand syntakses and Mercedes Gilbert, Beulah Palmer Those in the receiving line were Mesdames Julia West Hamilton, Edna F. Browne, Edna M. Holland, Dorothy Atkinson, Florence LaFoon, Misses Rubye G. Peake, Francis W. Mann, Mercedes Gilbert, eBulah Palmer, Rubye Hawthrone, Louise Pinkett, Bernice Norwood and Mary Borican.

Tea was poured by Soror Ballard, assisted by Soror Thelma Mickens, Wilhelmina Bullock, Marie Clarke, Mary Guillard, Amelia Higgins and Alma J. Cooper. The hostesses were: Sorors Esther A. Robinson, Portia Bullock, Luveta Gresham, Grace Hughes, and Ida Alphin.

A special program was rendered by Sorors Gilbert, Norwood, Hawkins and Mr. G. Lawson.

Following the reception, Soror Robinson entertained with a cocktail party after which the sorority was guest at the Postal Alliance formal. On Sunday afternoon from two to four, Soror Holland gave a "going away" party for the visiting sorors.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Holds Regional Conference

DAYTON, O.—The ninth annual conference of the Great Lakes Region of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was held here the weekend of April 28, as guest of Beta Eta Omega Chapter. The session began with a recital by Soror Etta Moten Friday evening in the auditorium of the Dayton Art Institute.

Soror Georgia Beasley of Cincinnati featured the business session with several vocal solos, and on Saturday morning there was a shower of linen and hospital supplies presented by various chapters in behalf of the Mississippi Health project. Soror Watts of Detroit presided over the panel discussion on health, youth, vocational guidance, social agencies, etc.

After the business session the delegates were escorted to the Y. M. C. A. where the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority entertained with a fashionable tea. Saturday night the Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities were hosts at a formal ball at the Cotton Club.

The final session was held at Zion Baptist Church, 40 Sprague street, on Sunday where the sorority heard an inspiring sermon by the Rev. H. L. McNeil. A scholarship was awarded and Soror Zella Richardson, basileus of Beta Eta Omega chapter, introduced the regional director, Soror Irene Graves of Detroit. Solos were rendered by Sorors Ethel Steward of Detroit, and George Beasley of Cincinnati.

The next conference will be held in Columbus, O. in the spring of 1940.

Phi Delta Okey $500 NAACP Life Membership

Mrs. Oneida Cockrell Re-elcted Basileus; 300 Attend Conclave

PHILADELPHIA—A resolution to take a $500 life membership in the NAACP was unanimously approved by 300 delegates Thursday, shortly before the re-election of Mrs. Oneida Cockrell of Chicago as supreme basileus, during the closing meeting of the three-day conclave of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

At the business meeting at the Southwest [illegible] Lombardine Street it was voted that a $50 membership be taken in the National Council of Negro Women. New York was selected for the next conclave. December 27-29, inclusive.

Detroit Gets Chapter

At the closing business meeting, the executive council announced that a new chapter would be made in Detroit during January, and that the new unit at Harrisburg will be known as Chi chapter.

Other Officers

The other officers re-elected were:

Gertrude Robinson, New York, first anti-basileus; J. Cleo Nelms, Birmingham, second anti-basileus; Emma Arnold, Chicago, third anti-basileus; Marion H. Bluitt, Washington, D.C., supreme grammateus;

Octavia Catlett, Montclair, N.J., supreme epistoleus; Martha Hester, Atlantic City, supreme tamiouchos; Dorothy Manigault, Atlantic City, editor-in-chief, krinon.

Delilah Pierce, Washington, D.C., executive advisor (honorary); Helen O. Atkins, Washington, D.C., national program director; Gladys C. Nunnery, Jersey City, chairman of board of directors.

Additional members of executive council elected from members-at-large were: Olivia S. Henry, Philadelphia; Gladys L. Thomas, Philadelphia; Anne Louise Davidson, Cincinnati.

AKA's to Meet in Boston in '39

DETROIT.—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's annual boule attended by 450 women last week chose Boston for its 1939 assembly following closely contested bids from other cities.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen of New Orleans, was elected supreme basileus for the third time.

Other Officers

Other officers elected are: Mrs. Beulah Whitby, Detroit, anti-basileus; Miss Viola Chaplin, Santa Lena, S.C., second anti-basileus; Mrs. Edna O. Gray, Baltimore, supreme grammateus; Mrs. Irma S. Clarke, Chicago, episto-leus; Mrs. Ethel Lyle, Philadelphia, tamiouchos, and Mrs. B. Beckett, Philacelphia, parliamentarian.

Alpha Kappa Alphas Conclude Boule In Detroit; Boston Next

DETROIT, Mich.—Four hundred and fifty-two women, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, converged on Detroit last week for the 21st annual boule which was held Dec. 27 to 30, concurrently with the convention of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Hostesses to the boule were the Beta Mu, Xi and Alpha Rho Omega Chapters.

Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen of New Orleans, La., was reelected supreme basileus for the new year. Other officers elected were Mrs. Beulah Whitby of Detroit, first anti-basileus; Mrs. Viola Chaplin of Santa Lena, S. C., second anti-basileus; Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore, Md., grammateus; Mrs. Helen Finley Anderson of Wichita, Kans., anti-grammateus; Mrs. Irene Clark of Chicago, epistoleus; Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia, tamiouches; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Mundy of Louisville, Ky., editor, Ivy Leaf and Mrs. Verona Beckett of Philadelphia, parliamentarian.

Regional directors elected were: Sadie Daniel St. Clair, North Atlantic; Irene Graves, Great Lakes; Arlene Washington, Central; Rosetta Nolan, Mid-Western; Portia Trenholm, South Eastern; Olivett Jones, South Central; Ursula Adams, Far Western.

The sorors voted to hold their 1939 boule in Boston following closely contested bids from several other cities.

Business sessions were held at the Lucy Thurman Branch Y. W. C. A. and the opening meeting at the Detroit Institute of Arts at which time Mayor Richard Reading welcomed the visitors and praised them for their work in awarding scholarships and maintaining a health project in Mississippi. The four day sessions closed with a banquet Friday evening at which time the newly elected officers were introduced.

Wednesday, the sorors were treated to a recital by the celebrated Marian Anderson who appeared from 8 to 10 p. m., in Orchestra Hall.

The Mississippi Health Project under Dr. Dorothy Bolden Ferebee of Washington, D. C. was voted continued for another year. On Thursday, Xi Omega Chapter of Washington of which Miss Carolyn Welch is basileus presented several speakers in support of its Non-Partisan Lobby Project. Following an address in support of the project by Miss Nora Boyd and others, the boule voted $2,000 for the project with Xi Omega Chapter to make up another deficit that might occur.

Thursday, Mrs. Bowen and Dr. Ferebee spoke over a nationwide hookup on the theme "Youth in a Changing World." The Thursday session was also devoted to election of officers and the sorority's formal dance followed by a dawn dance with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as hostesses.

The boule closed with banquet and installation of officers Friday evening.

A.K.A.'s Re-Elect Her

DETROIT, Mich.—(WNS)—Margaret Davis Brown, Supreme Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Sorority, has been unanimously re-elected to that office for this year and will hold office until the Sorority convenes for another election in Boston, Massachusetts, December 27-30th inclusive, 1939. Mrs. Bowen, lovely and gracious leader, has made a brilliant record both as head of the Sorority and in her social and civic contacts. She is principal of Gilbert Academy, New Orleans, La.

They Will Run Zeta Phi Beta Affairs During 1939

This group of ladies will run the affairs of Zeta Phi Beta sorority for the year, 1939, it was decided by the delegates attending the 19th annual boule which closed in Atlanta Saturday afternoon. Pictured standing, left to right are Sorors Beatrice Cattlet, Washington, D. C., chairman of executive board; Lou Swarz, St. Louis, epistoleus; Fannie Clay, Knoxville, parliamentarian; and Juanita Bates, Fort Worth, 2nd anti basileus.

Front row, Sorors Alice Carey, Atlanta, to whom the 19th boule souvenir program was dedicated; Goldie Guy Martin, Chicago, tamolouchos; Nellie B. Rogers, Indianapolis, grand basileus; Velma L. Coppage, Norfolk, Va., grammateus; and Blanche Thompson, first anti basileus. (SNS staff photo)

Deltas Vote Funds for "Bookmobile" Project

Dorothy Maynor Awarded $1,000 Scholarship

NEW YORK—(ANP)— Emphasizing their conviction theme "Broader Occupational Horizons for Youth in the World of Tomorrow," Delta Sigma Theta sorority, in its annual meeting, gave considerable thought to the promulgation of these ideas and ideals. The convention was held at St. James Presbyterian church, Aug. 22-31, with the national president, Mrs. Vivian Osborne Marsh, in charge.

One of the pet projects of Delta, financing a traveling library, was taken up and funds voted to purchase a "bookmobile" and books for it. Soro Annie Duncan, chairman of the national project committee, presented plans for the traveling library.

Designed to operate in the southern states, where colored people have but little chance to come into contact with good books or have adequate library facilities, the project will be supported in its entirety by Delta.

Another important report receiving the endorsement of the sorors was that of Soror Anna Johnson Julian, chairman of the vigilance committee. Dealing with legislation brought up in congress which directly affects colored people, the sorors were enlightened on various measures and were instructed to send wires to the congressional representatives of their respective states.

WALTER WHITE SPEAKS

Walter White of the NAACP congratulated the sorors on this committee and also gave them thanks for their wholehearted support of the association program.

The Deltas had their day at the fair with Miss Elsie Austin of Washington, D. C., as guest speaker. Miss Austin was formerly deputy assistant attorney for Ohio, and is now assistant to the recorder of deeds in the capitol.

The formal banquet on Wednesday night brought forth more than 350 beautifully gowned Delta women. This banquet not only honored visiting guests and delegates, but honored the Sorors who founded Delta Sigma Theta sorority. The founders present were Sorors Ethel Cundiff, Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Fredricka Chase Dodd, Naomi Sewell Richardson, Florence Toms and Eliza Shippen.

Huge bouquets of red gladoli were presented to the artists who were presented at the artist recital. Beautiful gifts were presented Grand President March who retired from office after four years' service because of governmental duties, and Grand Treasurer Marion L. Capps, who retired after ten years' service.

The following sorors were presented:

OFFICERS ELECTED

The first grand president, Atty. Sadie T. M. Alexander; first grand secretary, Soror Catherine Alexander; former grand presidents Anna J. Julian, Gladys Sheppard, vice president Mae T. Wright; former grand vice president Naomi Cheorot and Escolieda Posey; grand journalist Mary Lou Roberson, and former grand journalist Sara Pelham Speaks. Regional directors Frances Durden, Vassie Brown, Golda Crutcher, Reba Bowen, Helen Work and Hortense Young.

Chapter award, a beautiful silver trophy was presented to Beta Omicron chapter of Knoxville. The regional conference trophy was presented to the Eastern region. Honorary members: Mary Church Terrell and Florence Cole Tolbert McCleave were also presented, as well as secretary emeritus and present historian Edna Johnson, and former grand secretary, Jennie B. Shief, chairman of the scholarship board Ruth G. Smith, and chairman of the judiciary board, Isabell Askew.

Newly elected officers are Atty. Elsie Austin of Washington, D. C., president; Mrs. Mae T. Wright, Baltimore, vice president; Miss Edna Kinchion, Ft. Worth, Tex., secretary, Beatrice Penman, treasurer; Frances Durden, Houston, journalist.

Scholarships of $200 each were awarded to Soror Bessie Cobb of Beta Mu and Soror Elizabeth Stanfield of Chi chapter. Awards of Delta Gold Scholarship keys to Soror Lucille Norman of Iota, Boston; Willa Mae Hudgins of Pi, Los Angeles, and Sarah Ross of Alpha Beta, Nashville. Scholarship award of $1,000 for study abroad to Soror Dorothy Maynor, noted soprano of Norfolk and New York.

Elected to office were Lola M. Parker, Chicago, national president; Anna R. Hughes, Louisville, first vice president; Lucille B. Culpepper, Columbus, Ohio, second vice president; Mildred R. Miller, Cleveland, recording secretary; Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta, corresponding secretary; Nettie Bennett, Atlanta, treasurer; Marguerite E. Harvey, Washington, journalist.

Lolanthe E. Sidney, eastern regional director, New York; Fuschia B. Miller, Chicago, western regional director; Theodosia F. Skinner, Cleveland, northern regional director; O. P. Williams, Atlanta, southern regional director; Henrietty Byrd, New York City, national director of education; Ann LaFoe Pickett, Chicago, director of publicity.

The annual award, a year's scholarship was presented to Miss Bernice Jones Edwards of Des Moines.

Lola M. Parker Again Heads Iota Lambdas

"Ten-Year Plan" Discussed at Annual Meeting

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—With resolutions commending the work of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, the sixth annual convention of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority brought to an end one of its most successful meetings last week at Howard University.

Discussing the progress of the organization as the theme of the convention, delegates from the many states took an active part in the proceedings.

At the first business session, with the national president, Mrs. Lola M. Parker, of Chicago, presiding, fine reports were heard. These included regional reports from the four directors, with the exception of Sarah C. Plater of Washington who was unable to attend.

In a closed session, the sorority discussed the proposed "ten-year plan" for the sorority and the progress of its members. No details of this plan were revealed to the public.

Houston College English Teacher In National Chair

Miss Zatalia R. Turner, chairman of the department of English of Houston College, will spend two days of the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Turner, in Kansas City, Kansas. In Kansas City she will join a group of A. K. A. sorors and go to Boston, Massachusetts, to the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority boule.

While in Boston she will participate in a round table broadcast over station WBZ Friday, December 29, from 4:30 to 4:55 p.m., Eastern time, on the subject, "Contributions of Women of the Darker Races to the World's Civilization."

Miss Turner dedicated her book, "My Wonderful Year," to the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority as it was the fourth Alpha Kappa Alpha foreign fellowship that enabled her to study at the University of London and sojourn in Europe for a year. The book relates Miss Turners' experiences and observations in a simple, homelike, and charming manner.

AKA's Plan for 22nd Annual Boule in Boston

BOSTON—The entire fraternal group of Boston is perfecting plans for entertainment of the twenty-second annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which will be held here, December 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Features of the session will include a sightseeing tour of historic Boston conducted by Miss Wilhelmina Crosson; moving pictures of the health project conducted annually in Mississippi, and a program devoted to the Non-Partisan Lobby for Economic and Democratic Rights, under the national guidance of Miss Norma E. Boyd of Washington, and the local guidance of Miss Teresa Lew.

This program will consist of addresses by R. A. O'Hara Lanier of the N.Y.A.; Dutton Ferguson of the WPA; Dr. Robert Weaver of the Federal Housing Authority, Mrs. Constance Daniel of the Farm Relief Bureau, and others.

DR. MARY C. WRIGHT

Public to Hear Dr. Brown

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown will address the public meeting on "The Challenge of the Colored College Woman." A radio broadcast over a national hook-up arranged by Miss Gladys Holmes, will feature a panel discussion on "What the World Owes the Women of the Darker Races."

Plaques of an original design by Mrs. Meta Warrick Fuller will be presented to outstanding members at the annual banquet, planned under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn Henderson Carter.

Social Events

Social events will include the A.KA. ball, for which Rowena Taylor is committee chairman; a formal by the Interfraternal Council, a Holly Tea by Aristo, and affairs sponsored by the Deltas and the Zetas.

Dr. Mary C. Wright is chairman and Mrs. Olivia Stead, co-chairman of the boule committee, which also includes Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, basileus of Psi Omega Chapter; Miss Corinne Howe of Epsilon Chapter, Josephine Allen, Lorenna Couzzens, Dorothy Eller, Jessie Garnett, Thomasina Johnson, Isabel Ravenell, Maud Thomas, Phyllis Walker and Bertha Wormley.

MISSISSIPPIANS TO GET MEDICAL CARE FOR FIFTH YEAR

Sorority Continues Service to Citizens in Deep South; Two Women Doctors On Duty at Clinic

MOUND BAYOU, Miss.—(ANP) — Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority opened its fifth annual clinic here Monday with a large number of patients waiting to receive the medical treatment and advice provided by the AKA health unit.

This health program, originated in 1934 by Miss Ida L. Jackson, was aimed to combat the venereal disease among Negroes in the deep South. Over 300 cases have been treated during the present clinic, many of whom return annually for advice and examination.

National and state health officials have checked closely on the work undertaken by the AKA women and as a result have urged them to continue and to expand their plans for improvement of the health of the Negro.

At the beginning of this year's clinic, Dr. R. D. Dedwylder, county health supervisor for Bolivar county, announced that during the year 1,500 cases whose treatment had been initiated by the sorority staff workers had been completed by the personnel of the county health department, using medications which had been provided by the Alpha Kappa Alpha health unit.

Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, chairman of the health committee, Dr. Mary Williams, nationally known in the field of rural public health, and Miss Jackson founder of the project, are members of the clinic staff, each one of whom has given five years of service to the promotion of the project.

This health project began operating through a venereal immunization program which has expanded each year to include dental health, maternal health and venereal disease case-finding surveys.

For the 1939 clinic, the health committee introduced a demonstrational dietototherapy project. This plan, based on five years' observation had for its purpose combatting the devasting results of mal-nutrition and diet deficiency diseases traceable to the great needs of rural areas of the South.

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States Public Health service highly endorses the work of the sorority and is anxious that this new work be launched. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the secretary of the treasury, Mrs. Thomas Parran, wife of the surgeon general, are greatly interested in the work being done by these women toward better health.

One of the greatest achievements aside from the fact that this project is showing what can be done by groups of interested people is the changed attitude and spirit of cooperation that the white residens and health officials of Mississippi have shown. This work has done much to promote good will and understanding between Negroes and whites in the South.

The health committee introduced treatment for venereal disease with Wasserman tests as a part of their health program during 1937. Although this was the original plan, the immunization program for children took precedence because Health Child programs are established with greater facility. Since September, 1938, a daily clinic for venereal disease has been operating in some sections of Bolivar county as an extension of the work begun by the sorority.

With the health committee for this year's clinic are Miss Marjorie Holloman of Washington, D. C., who has served in the clinic for four years; Miss Alma Porter, teacher of physical education and hygiene in the public schools of Indianapolis; Miss Sallie Cullars of Newark, N. J., and Miss Bessie Lee of Alexander, Va., both graduates of Freedman's hospital school of nursing.

AKA Sorors Thwarted In Program Extension Attempt

Health Unit Offers Services To Combat Malnutrition

JACKSON, Miss.—(A N P)—An elaborate and well-planned, outline for a dietotherapy program to combat the widespread malnutrition among the plantation people in the Mississippi delta recently approved by public health officials in Washington as an effective step towards the drive to secure improved health conditions for those in rural areas of the deep South, was to have been launched by the AKA Health unit operating in Bolivar county, Mississippi, but the county health officer, Dr. R. D. Dedwylder, who has worked closely with the unit for the past four years, has been at a loss for suitable explanation or reason why, with everything in their favor, this new feature was not put in operation.

Surgeon General Thomas Parran conferred early in April with the state health officials on the possibilities of its introduction by the health unit under the direction of Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee and her staff. Officials in governmental circles were actively interested in the promotion and development of this nutrition program and used their influence in Washington to secure a relaxation of the rules of the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation in order that this nutrition work might be established in a rural area.

PROGRAM FIRST OF KIND

The Federal Surplus corporation has through its food stamp plan made food available to persons on relief in urban sections, but up to this time no plan has been devised for the distribution of surplus foods to those people in the rural areas not eligible for relief. The proposal made foods available during the month that AKA was operating, for demonstration purposes to all citizens needing them. The burden of transportation and distribution was to have been borne largely by federal agencies and augmented to a small extent by local funds. This program is the first of its kind among the many programs offering possible solutions to the grave monodiet problems of the sharecroppers.

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DR. FEREBEE DIRECTS

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